

Girl in hospital after dog attack



In shock:

Dhiya receiving treatment at a private hospital after she was attacked by her neighbour's dog in Lorong Bandar Timur 9 at Bandar Perda, Bukit Mertajam yesterday.

BUKIT MERTAJAM: A seven-year-old girl was attacked by her neighbour's dog while she was cycling with a friend outside her home in Lorong Bandar Timur 9 at Bandar Perda here.

Dhiya Qairina suffered deep gashes on her buttocks and back after being bitten by a mongrel at 6.45pm on Sunday.

She has been admitted to a private hospital.

Her father Muhammad Nur Akmal Abdul Latif, 47, who is an engineer, said his daughter was still in shock and was trying to recover from the nightmare.

"The mongrel attacked my daughter when she fell from her bicycle. I quickly grabbed her bicycle and tried to chase the dog away but it continued to attack her," he said at the hospital yesterday.

He said the incident happened shortly after his wife Rodziah Mohd Adas, 44, and Dhiya arrived home in a car from a shopping trip.

Dhiya, he said, got out of the car and went cycling with a friend.

"We were removing the goods from the car when my daughter shouted for help. Then I noticed that the dog was attacking her and I quickly went to her aid," he said.

The dog, he said, belonged to a neighbour who lived about 100m away from his house.

He said the dog owner visited his daughter at the hospital on Sunday and apologised over the incident.

At about 11pm on Sunday, Muhammad lodged a police report at the district police headquarters in Bandar Perda.

Seberang Prai Municipal Council veterinary unit personnel took custody of the dog yesterday.

They are expected to conduct a medical examination on the dog to determine their next course of action.