

# Woman jailed total 15 years for neglecting, abusing biological children

**SIBU:** A woman was sentenced to a total of 15 years in prison after she pleaded guilty in the Sessions Court here yesterday to neglecting and abusing her biological children.

The 45-year-old accused from Sarikei made the plea before Judge Musyiri Peet to three charges framed under Section 31(1)(a) of the Child Act 2001.

She was sentenced to five years' jail for each charge, to be served concurrently.

On the first charge, the woman was accused of neglecting her 14-year-old daughter by chasing the girl out of their house at around 6pm on Aug 15.

On the second charge, she was accused of physically abusing her 11-year-old son using a broomstick at around 1.30pm on Aug 15.

On the third charge, she allegedly physically abused the same boy by scalding him with boiling water at around 5pm on

Oct 20.

Based on the facts of the case, police received information from a Talian Kasih hotline staff about two children being abused by their mother and stepfather at a house here on Nov 3.

Acting on the information, police went to the location to investigate and found the accused had neglected her daughter and physically abused her son.

The investigation also revealed that one of the victims had contacted the Talian Kasih hotline to report the abuse.

In mitigation, the unrepresented accused pleaded to the court for a lenient sentence, citing her age and current unemployed status.

However, Deputy Public Prosecutor Adriana Maisarah Mohd Farid requested the court to impose an appropriate sentence as a lesson to the accused and the public at large.



The accused is led from the court after sentencing.