

Sulaiman to stand against Hussein

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Haji Sulaiman Palestine — the man who broke tradition in 1978 by challenging Datuk Hussein Onn for the Umno President's post — is contesting the post again at the party's June 26 elections.

Contacted at his house in Kulim today, Haji Sulaiman said a number of Umno divisions had indicated their support for him.

"It remains for them to make the nomination official at Umno headquarters," he said.

However, he did not reveal which of the 114 Umno divisions they were.

Prime Minister and current Umno President Datuk Hussein meanwhile has been nominated by a number of divisions for the post.

Datuk Hussein beat Haji Sulaiman by 898 votes to 250 in 1978.

Haji Sulaiman said he was contesting the President's post because he felt there were "certain inadequacies and problems" in Umno's admin-

istration which had now reached "a critical stage."

Haji Sulaiman, who was sacked as Umno's National Publicity Chief Just before the 1978 party elections for "actions and utterances contrary to party policies," has also been nominated by the Setapak division for the Supreme Council.

He also appealed to the authorities concerned to allow former Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Harun Idris to contest the elections.