

# Dr M and Osman face PAS men

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ALOR STAR, Sat. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Paduka Haji Osman Aroff are expected to face PAS candidates in straight fights again, as in the 1978 and 1982 elections.

The Prime Minister confirmed yesterday that he would be defending his Kubang Pasu parliamentary seat for the fourth term while the Mentri Besar is expected to contest the Jitra State seat

again for the fifth consecutive time since 1969.

Sources said PAS was expected to field professionals against the two Umno leaders.

Kubang Pasu Umno Youth leader Saad Man said the party was all geared up to face PAS. He said the party was confident that both the Prime Minister and the Mentri Besar would win.

Dr Mahathir retained his seat in the last election by a majority of 15,761 votes, top-

pling PAS president Haji Yusof Rawa.

Encik Saad said Umno, with the help of its other Barisan Nasional partners in Kubang Pasu, was trying hard to ensure at least a 20,000-vote majority this time for Dr Mahathir.

He added that similar efforts were being made in the constituency of Datuk Paduka Osman, who won the seat in the last election with a majority of 7,589 votes.