<u>Dmitry Medvedev congratulates</u> <u>Noureddine Bedoui on his appointment</u> <u>as Prime Minister of Algeria</u>

The congratulatory message reads, in part:

"Russia and Algeria are connected by relations of friendship and partnership. Trade, investment, scientific, technical and humanitarian cooperation is expanding. Large joint projects in various spheres are being implemented.

"I am convinced that further promoting the entire range of bilateral cooperation fully meets the long-term interests of our countries."