<u>Dmitry Medvedev congratulates Mahathir</u> <u>Mohamad on his appointment as Prime</u> <u>Minister of Malaysia</u>

The message reads, in part:

"Russia and Malaysia are linked by friendship and partnership. We are consistently developing cooperation in trade and the economy, science and technology, culture, humanitarian ties and other areas. Our countries are successfully carrying out large joint projects. I am ready to work closely with you to further expand the entire scope of Russia-Malaysia cooperation."