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ROME (Reuters) - Russia is willing to do its part to help the United States and Europe achieve peace in Afghanistan, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on Thursday. "We are obliged to help in Afghanistan ... we are ready to support the efforts of our partners ... there will be a contribution from us," Medvedev told a news conference in Rome.