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## Look at Hezbollah's Allies

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**ONE of the most tendentious arguments employed in the Middle East debate is that the US and, to a lesser extent, the UK and Australia are partisan.**

So who might be impartial? Perhaps North Korea, France, China or Russia? What about the 25 per cent of the world's nations that are Muslim? Could Iran, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan or Saudi Arabia be the honest broker Bob Reece (Letters, 25/7) is looking for? Clearly not. No country in the world is even-handed, yet is it telling that accusations of bias are only ever made against supporters of Israel.

Just like people, nations have relationships based on commonalities. It cannot be a coincidence that Israel has the support of the great democracies while Hezbollah's only allies are the world's dictatorships.

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