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Just who is impartial in this war?

ONE OF the most tendentious arguments employed regarding the Middle East conflict is that the United States, Australia and Britain are not even-handed. So who might be impartial? North Korea, France, China or Russia? What about the 25 per cent of the world's nations that are Muslim? Could Iran, Malaysia, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan or Saudi Arabia be the honest broker that Trevor Batrouney (Letters, 4/8) is looking for? Clearly not.

No country fails to take its own interests into account, yet it is telling that accusations of bias are made only against supporters of Israel. Just like people, nations have relationships based on commonalities. It cannot be a coincidence that Israel is supported by the great democracies while Hezbollah's only allies are dictatorships.

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