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“Why Noam Chomsky is not a suitable candidate for the Sydney Peace Prize”

TODAY Noam Chomsky will receive the \$50,000 Sydney Peace Prize at the Sydney Town Hall. Chomsky's award follows in the path of previous winners such as John Pilger, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Hanan Ashrawi, all well known for their one-sided criticisms of Israel.

It is hard to see how Chomsky's track record on Israel-Palestine justifies his receipt of a peace prize. He has done nothing to encourage conflict resolution based on mutual compromise and concessions, or to advance practical strategies that would empower peace activists and moderates on both sides of the equation. To the contrary, he is a one-sided advocate for the Palestinian national cause...