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Chomsky a worthy winner

PHILIP Mendes says that Noam Chomsky is "not a suitable candidate" for the Sydney Peace Prize, lumping him with previous winners John Pilger, Desmond Tutu and Hanan Ashrawi, all known for their "one-sided criticisms" of Israel (Commentary, 2/11). He charges Chomsky with "one-sided opposition" to Israel, misrepresentations, "extreme analysis" and "demonisation" of Israelis.

However, Mendes consistently commits most of the failings he charges against Chomsky and seems unaware of the broad international purpose of the Sydney Peace Prize.

As with all previous recipients, the Sydney Peace Prize jury looked at the breadth and depth of Chomsky's work and his consistent promotion of peace with justice. True peace is more than the cessation of violence; it requires equality and justice for all parties.

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