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### Across

- 1** Picturesque capitol of Croatia (on Sava)
- 7** Benighted African state associated with Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* and atrocities of Belgian colonialism
- 8** Sinister foreign jet fighter central to story arc in journey of Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) in *Top Gun* (1.1.1)
- 9** Move, proceed, an attempt to do something, a person's turn in a game involving multiple players, (of a machine or device) function properly ("my car won't ..."), depart, leave, pass away, die etc.
- 10** Hated neighbour of Israel in famous slur "Moab is my washpot; over ... will I cast out my shoe" (also prescient early foreign policy statement in Malachai: "If ... says, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins." But this is what the LORD Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. You will see it with your own eyes and say, Great is the LORD - even beyond the borders of Israel!")
- 12** Illegal settlement beyond the borders of Israel
- 14** Private *WhatsApp* chat room membership list revealed in controversial mass doxing of 2024

### Down

- 2** Psychedelic associated with Dr. Timothy Leary and Bert Newton (colloq.)
- 3** "Went to the / Apollo / You should've seen him ... .. / They said, hey Sugar etc." Lou Reed (2, 2, 2)
- 4** Rogue nation (initials)
- 5** Victorian painter best known for harrowing triptych *Past and Present* comprising pictures *Misfortune*, *Prayer* and *Despair* hung together depicting tragic fate of fallen woman
- 6** Sarcastic simulation of empathy mocking someone's upsetness (3-3)
- 8** Famous nonsense word of Kurt Schwitters (from random fragment in early collage)
- 11** British secret service section dealing with foreign intelligence associated with James Bond and Kim Philby (2-1)
- 13** Exclamation prefacing an announcement of grave importance (also premier Australian sludge black metal band (*Rat King* etc.)

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