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Across

- 1** Hated Middle Eastern terror organization
- 7** Sorceress in Handel opera set on magic island with rocks, trees and wild beasts created from discarded lovers known for ravishing lament of heartbroken heroine “Ah! Mio cor!”
- 8** 12th most spoken world language (after Mandarin, English, Hindi, Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, French, Russian, Portuguese, Urdu and Indonesian)
- 9** Ted Nugent or *The Nibelungenlied* (initials)
- 10** Popular Iraqi name (inc. deceased eldest son of Saddam Hussein vilified in lurid Wiki entry justifying extra-judicial murder, with brother, in 2003)
- 13** Vibrant urban hub on west coast of India associated with 2nd century caves with giant, rock-cut Buddhas and refund overpayment call centre scam

Down

- 1** Big gun (associated with Clint Eastwood and neo-fascist film series from 70s)
- 2** Loud, spontaneous display of admiration associated with bullfighting or football in Spanish-speaking world
- 3** Long, loud, piercing cry expressing hysterical emotion associated with Beatlemania
- 4** Small, difficult to install card in phone
- 5** Popular Israeli name derived from Semitic warrior goddess depicted with arm raised in threatening gesture known for ferocity in battle and torrid affair with Baal
- 6** Sultry singer from Surrey Hills (first name)
- 11** Depleted uranium (initials)
- 12** Yuri Bezmanov (initials)