

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 28/2/2026) Solution

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<sup>26</sup> S	A	T	I	S	F	Y		<sup>27</sup> D	I	S	U	S	E	D

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SEALANT	It's used to secure computers linked in an established centre (7)	LAN inside SEAT
5 ATTIRE	Dressed in clothes at flat (7)	AT + TIRED
9 STAND AND DELIVER	Did vandals enter in a frenzy with a demand for valuables? (5,3,7)	Anagram of DID VANDALS ENTER
10 EVENTS	College finally releases program's items (6)	colleg(E) + VENTS
11 DOWNPLAY	Undervalue own place offered in set time (8)	(OWN + PL) inside DAY
13 DONER KEBAB	Accomplished baker cooked starter of brilliant Middle Eastern food (5,5)	DONE + anagram of BAKER + (B)rilliant
15 LIVE	Carrying power to escape death (4)	Double Definition
18 DOGS	Boxers, say, perform with gloves lacking passion (4)	DO + (GLOVES minus LOVE)
19 GREEN LIGHT	Authority redefined genre of little importance (5,5)	Anagram of GENRE + LIGHT
21 NUISANCE	Annoying person is sitting in shade (8)	IS inside NUANCE
22 GEISHA	Part of village is happy with Japanese entertainer (6)	villaGE IS HAPPY
25 CHESS TOURNAMENT	Contest on board reviewed surname not used in case? (5,10)	Anagram of SURNAME NOT inside CHEST
26 SATISFY	Comply with treatment of fits noted in report (7)	Anagram of FITS inside SAY
27 DISUSED	Issue, poorly handled by two detectives, may be neglected (7)	Anagram of ISSUE inside (D + D)

