

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 26/10/2024) Solution

¹ D	I	² S	M	³ A	N	⁴ T	L	⁵ E		⁶ C	O	⁷ P	S	⁸ E
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¹¹ E	A	S	I	N	E	S	S		¹² B	O	G	O	T	A
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DISMANTLE	Knock down front part of dangerous and dilapidated salt mine (9)	(D)angerous + anagram of SALT MINE
6 COPSE	Body not connected to river or thick bush (5)	CORPSE minus R
9 STORM	Part of forecast or, maybe, violent weather (5)	forecaST OR Maybe
10 PARTRIDGE	Game bird's split long narrow crest (9)	PART + RIDGE
11 EASINESS	A selection of ideas, in essence, may be linked for simplicity (8)	idEAS IN ESSence
12 BOGOTA	Leave in boat prepared for South American capital (6)	GO inside anagram of BOAT
14 BRAS	A large number of bold women wear these (4)	(BRAS)h
15 RANSACKED	Group of sailors fired and searched thoroughly (9)	RAN + SACKED
17 INTERFERE	One arranged free rent to cause obstruction (9)	I + anagram of FREE RENT
19 EVEN	Most of contest is neck and neck (4)	(EVEN)t
22 CURATE	Take care of museum's clerical assistant (6)	Double Definition
23 STRAPPER	Agent leaves retired person who's big and strong (8)	(REP + PARTS) reversed
25 EPITOMISE	Illustrate nearly all of epic island portrayed in book (9)	(EPI)c + (IS inside TOME)
26 DENSE	Study set largely tightly packed (5)	DEN + (SE)t
27 TURNS	Temperature connected to water boilers changes (5)	T + URNS
28 DETERGENT	Cleaner put off by fellow with good manners (9)	DETER + GENT

