

AFR Cryptic (New Year 2024 AJ) Solution

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Answer	Clue	Explanation
A ALBANIA	Aluminium embargo, one imposed by a Balkan nation (7)	AL + BAN + I + A
B SCARAB	Dry crust penetrated by a river beetle (6)	SCAB outside (A + R)
C ECLECTIC	Vote for one leader from Coalition supporting another liberal (8)	[ELECT + I + (C)oalition] outside (C)oalition
D TIMECARD	Work record item changed by coach heading to dentist (8)	Anagram of ITEM + CAR + (D)entist
E CONCENTRATE	Focus on money featured in case (11)	(ON + CENT) inside CRATE
F MYSELF	Male, yes, wrongly left female in person (6)	M + anagram of YES + L + F
G FASCINATING	Irresistible fanatics messed up in opening of gala (11)	Anagram of FANATICS + IN + (G)ala
H WARATAH	NSW rugby player is fighting at a hospital (7)	WAR + AT + A + H
I URBAN II	New version of Russian bible is lacking? Bless old pope (5,2)	Anagram of RUSSIAN BIBLE minus BLESS
J HADJ	Religious movement has cut off music man (4)	HA(s) + DJ
K CAB RANK	Weird character grabbing a bus initially where transport is available (3,4)	CRANK outside [A + (B)us]
L KEWPIE DOLL	Cooked pike, well divided up by gathering, is a fair prize (6,4)	Anagram of PIKE WELL outside DO
M YARDARM	Something connected to a sail damaged my radar (7)	Anagram of MY RADAR

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N CASH IN ON	Profit from dupe pinching a cut of beef (4,2,2)	CON outside (A + SHIN)
O TABASCO	Mexican dish containing a great deal of fish sauce (7)	TACO outside (BAS)s
P KNEECAP	Crook can keep joint cover (7)	Anagram of CAN KEEP
Q IRAQ	A time away from turbulent Qatari part of the Middle East (4)	Anagram of QATARI minus (A + T)
R BAPTISER	Name-caller is blessed at first by a converted priest (8)	(B)lessed + A + PRIEST
S ANTIQUES	A reconvened inquest noted things of value (8)	A + anagram of INQUEST
T GODWIT	Bird dog retrieved headless goose? (6)	DOG reversed + (t)WIT
U WAREHOU	NZ fish are netted by WHO and UN primarily (7)	ARE inside WHO + (U)n
V PAVLOV	He worked on classical conditioning and sweet love mostly (6)	PAV + (LOV)e
W PAWPAW	Hand over fruit (6)	PAW twice
X ANTICLIMAX	One involved with claimant troubled by disappointment (10)	I inside anagram of CLAIMANT + X
Y COVENTRY	English city against candidate behind small company (8)	(V + ENTRY) after CO
Z SHIRAZ	Red hair's styled with razor in the middle (6)	Anagram of HAIRS + ra(Z)or