## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 26/10/2024) Solution

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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

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DASHER	Speeder has crumpled front-end of Escort in drive (6)	[Anagram of HAS + (E)scort] inside DR
2 SPONSOR	Small bridge of connecting tissue or support (7)	S + PONS + OR
3 ADMINISTRATIONS	Management teams in commercial vehicle on street restricted supplies (15)	AD + MINI + ST + RATIONS
4 TAPESTRIES	Needlework samples shown at end of videos (10)	TRIES after TAPES
5 ECRU	Section of piecrust is very light brown (4)	piECRUst
6 CORPORATE RAIDER	Professional held up by area director worked with takeover specialist (9,6)	PRO reversed inside anagram of AREA DIRECTOR
7 PADDOCK	Protect waterfront area that's enclosed by a fence (7)	PAD + DOCK
8 EMERALDS	Centrepiece of diamond fenced by shoddy dealers in gems (8)	diaMond inside anagram of DEALERS
13 INVESTMENT	Venture capital, say, established millions in coin (10)	(EST + M) inside INVENT
16 DISCREET	Judicious, amended edicts are lacking a bit (8)	Anagram of EDICTS ARE minus A
18 TERRIER	Tenacious person's blunder acknowledged in bank (7)	ERR inside TIER
20 EXPENSE	Cost is seen in a different light after international show ended early (7)	Anagram of SEEN after EXP(o)
21 ARREST	Check resolution used in gallery display (6)	RES inside ART
24 WIND	Snake doctor in WA, say (4)	Double Definition