

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 3/2/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> S	O	<sup>2</sup> C	I	<sup>3</sup> A	L	<sup>4</sup> L	E	<sup>5</sup> P	E	<sup>6</sup> R		<sup>7</sup> S	U	<sup>8</sup> B	
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<sup>9</sup> A	G	E	N	T		<sup>10</sup> M	A	N	I	C	U	R	E	D	
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<sup>11</sup> B	I	O	S	P	H	E	R	E		<sup>12</sup> H	O	U	S	E	
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<sup>13</sup> L	I	N	E	<sup>14</sup> O	U	T		<sup>15</sup> T	A	R	T				
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<sup>21</sup> E		<sup>22</sup> T		S		P		E				S		A	
<sup>23</sup> S	H	O	T	S		<sup>24</sup> P	A	R	A	<sup>25</sup> S	I	T	I	C	
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<sup>26</sup> H	Y	P	N	O	T	I	S	E		<sup>27</sup> A	V	E	R	T	
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<sup>28</sup> R	E	D		<sup>29</sup> S	C	R	U	T	I	N	I	S	E	D	

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SOCIAL LEPER	Outcast has kept away from representation of local Pharisees? (6,5)	Anagram of LOCAL PHARISEES minus HAS
7 SUB	Replacement coach given backing (3)	BUS reversed
9 AGENT	A fellow worker in the selling business (5)	A + GENT
10 MANICURED	Dog owned by spoilt maiden is well groomed (9)	CUR inside anagram of MAIDEN
11 BIOSPHERE	Enclosed ecosystem's new-fangled probe is filled with helium (9)	Anagram of PROBE IS outside HE
12 HOUSE	Residence is hot, mostly, before service (5)	(HO)t + USE
13 LINE-OUT	Rugby union play routinely deployed without flankers? (4-3)	Anagram of (r)OUTINEL(y)
15 TART	Like lemon pie (4)	Double Definition
18 LIMA	Affiliates of Muslim Action Centre in Peru (4)	musLIM Action
20 SPECIAL	Peculiar drinks containing ice sent back (7)	(ICE inside LAPS) reversed
23 SHOTS	Photographs recently taken in the middle of Brussels (5)	HOT inside bruSSels
24 PARASITIC	Bloodsucking father, one embraced by demented racist (9)	PA + (I inside anagram of RACIST)
26 HYPNOTISE	Entrance is not switched around in publicity stunt (9)	(NOT + IS) inside HYPE
27 AVERT	Turn away troubled relative not admitting lie (5)	Anagram of RELATIVE minus LIE
28 RED	Area of suture definitely inflamed (3)	sutuRE Definitely
29 SCRUTINISED	Inspected ship originally sailed with cargo of metal (11)	(S)hip + (CRUISED outside TIN)

