

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 16/3/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> G	O	<sup>2</sup> T	A	<sup>3</sup> H	E	<sup>4</sup> A	D		<sup>5</sup> T	<sup>6</sup> H	O	<sup>7</sup> N	G	<sup>8</sup> S
L		H		E		N		<sup>9</sup> A		I		O		U
<sup>10</sup> O	M	E	G	A		<sup>11</sup> T	A	I	L	G	A	T	E	D
B		R		D		I		R		H		D		A
<sup>12</sup> A	T	M	O	S	P	H	E	R	E		<sup>13</sup> G	O	O	N
L		A		T		I		A		<sup>14</sup> F		N		E
	<sup>15</sup> S	L	U	R		<sup>16</sup> S	T	I	L	L	N	E	S	S
<sup>17</sup> F				O		T		D		E				E
<sup>18</sup> E	S	<sup>19</sup> T	O	N	I	A	N	S		<sup>20</sup> A	R	<sup>21</sup> M	Y	
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<sup>23</sup> T	Y	P	O		<sup>24</sup> F	I	R	E	W	A	R	D	E	N
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<sup>26</sup> E	M	O	L	U	M	E	N	T		<sup>27</sup> K	N	A	V	E
R		O		S		S		E		E		T		N
<sup>28</sup> S	E	T	T	E	R		<sup>29</sup> W	R	E	T	C	H	E	D

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 GOT AHEAD	Advanced dotage has greatly developed (3,5)	Anagram of (DOTAGE HA)s
5 THONGS	Lots of people without right footwear (6)	THRONGS minus R
10 OMEGA	The conclusion is nothing great (5)	O + MEGA
11 TAILGATED	Closely followed a car agitated about keeping left (9)	Anagram of AGITATED outside L
12 ATMOSPHERE	Character redirected spam to this place (10)	Anagram of SPAM TO + HERE
13 GO ON	Last man hired by a gangster (2,2)	Double Definition (of sorts)
15 SLUR	Discredit reversal of rules excluding ecstasy (4)	RULES reversed minus E
16 STILLNESS	Stumped by disease's lack of activity (9)	ST + ILLNESS
18 ESTONIANS	English schoolboys boarded by south European people (9)	S inside ETONIANS
20 ARMY	Military unit misplaced chap leaving pharmacy (4)	PHARMACY minus anagram of CHAP
23 TYPO	Mistake acknowledged by section of security police (4)	securiTY POLice
24 FIRE WARDEN	Emergency worker, one offered money in Chinese capital (4,6)	(I + REWARD) inside FEN
26 EMOLUMENT	University people, staying in motel, distributed profit arising from employment (9)	(U + MEN) inside anagram of MOTEL
27 KNAVE	Characters from furniture van kindly put back jack (5)	furniturE VAN Kindly
28 SETTER	Times invested in visionary crossword creator? (6)	(T+T) inside SEER
29 WRETCHED	Despicable end of show was sick (8)	sho(W) + RETCHED

