

FT News Puzzle - March

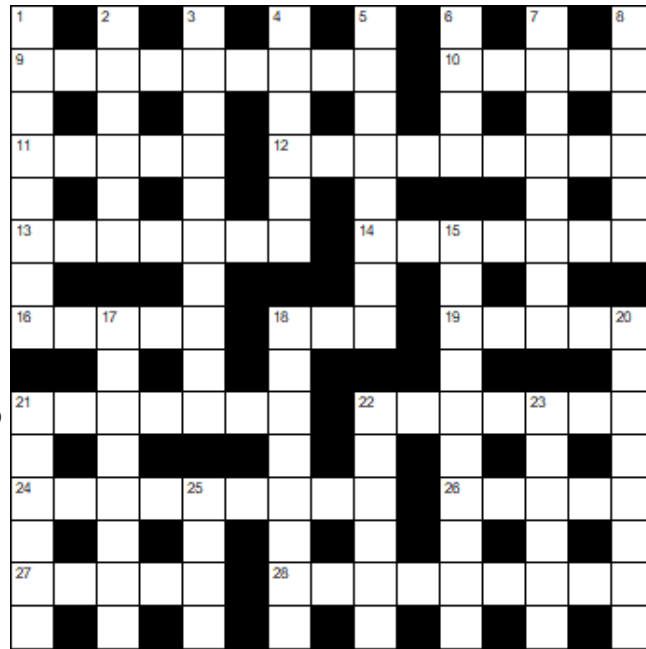
A monthly cryptic crossword relating to the month's topical events

ACROSS

- 9** Wild simian male lacking tail shows physicality (9)
- 10** French floozy refusing a despot Xi recently visited (5)
- 11** See 14
- 12** Ongoing scandal: Tories needing way out? (9)
- 13** Film sequence cut by China causes IPCC concern (7)
- 14/11** Conclude article mad about old Braverman's mantra? (4,3,5)
- 16** Mae Muller, despondent, also finishes without a muse (5)
- 18** Closely associated with West, can Zelenskyy do this? (3)
- 19** Implied leaders in talks are cautious in tone (5)
- 21** Don carrying book in for online lecture (7)
- 22** BBC presenter lately denied a voice — in two ways? (7)
- 24** ERG U-turn: Stormont finally fixed? It's a revolutionary thing! (3,6)
- 26** Vampire left Raab unclothed, crossing major road (5)
- 27** Electric vehicles for Labour's General Secretary? (5)
- 28** As dilemmas evolved, line deleted for news channels (4,5)

DOWN

- 1** Do outside watering hole — be prompt (8)
- 2** A thousand individuals holding girl in deportees' destination? (6)
- 3** One as a liar poor? How might he obtain funds? (5,1,4)
- 4** Politician mired in dreadful lies a dim bulb? (6)
- 5** Writer Murdoch about to land Metropolitan Police in jail (8)
- 6** Quick to act for MI5? Strikebreaker at last brought in (4)
- 7** Plane losing wings in space above sea (8)
- 8** Explosion somewhere under the bridge? (6)
- 15** Inaccurate making an ascent, not caught in precarious place (3,2,1,4)
- 17** Any number trafficked into Scotland: man there from Tirana? (8)
- 18** Ukrainian land annexed shortly after bitter uprising: 10's enormity? (3,5)
- 20** Go on a path resulting in decline (4,4)
- 21** Russian mercenaries vanished in conflict, leaving nothing (6)
- 22** Most recent news from Stormy's source, coming in dead on time (6)
- 23** Stark surroundings for MoD island with dragons? (6)
- 25** Bear in Rome and King visiting Biden's country (4)



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