

ACROSS

- 1 Communication from captors involved demands, primarily (8)
 5 Man, perhaps, is leading country (6)
 9 Got into a bed in error (8)
 10 Drink wine with HMQ (6)
 11 View of soldiers invading country (8)
 12 Fixed ruin in sea (6)
 14 Order being regularly placed by hand (10)
 18 Striking supersonic manoeuvres (10)
 22 Rabbit has endless supply of berries (6)
 23 Drink's always found in appropriate quarter (8)
 24 Mean, ultimately, to lose ambassador (6)
 25 One's spilt tea in obsolete remote (8)
 26 Tax cut (6)
 27 Split up last of the rum (8)

DOWN

- 1 Reminder for politician - judgement's close (6)
 2 Insist on breaking up protests (3-3)
 3 They make announcements, heartless beasts (6)
 4 Mum is struggling with heart condition (10)
 6 One breaking leg in previous era (5,3)
 7 undefined (8)
 8 Mocking desolate, empty part of Yorkshire (8)
 13 Ladies snore terribly in beds (10)
 15 Judge appears about to imprison one (8)
 16 After drink, a jerk becomes theatrical (8)

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17 Summarises figures (8)

19 One trading in expensive housing flees regularly (6)

20 Cannot race backwards holding box (6)

21 Traffic to interfere with parking for months (6)