

SAUDI BAJA 2022

10 - 12 November 2022



Date: **Friday, 11th November 2022** Time: **17:00 hrs**

Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 6** Document No: **2.8**

From: The Stewards

To: *Competitor: Vehicle N° 216 Name: FAYEZ ALKAYED*
Crew: FAYEZ ALKAYED / SULIMAN ALREMALY

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate, having summoned and heard the Driver (summons N° 4), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Crew and car No: *FAYEZ ALKAYED / SULIMAN ALREMALY car no 216*

Competitor: *FAYEZ ALKAYED*

Fact: During the inspection at refueling and re-grouping zone (Leg 1 Section 2) it was found that the driver's Safety Belts of the crew No 216 were not securely fastened. And even cannot be safely fastened, because there is no correct adjustment. The FIA Technical Delegate demanded that the driver not continue the race until the belts were securely fastened. The driver disobeyed the instruction of TD, left, and continued the race.

Offence: Breach of 2022 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 12.2.1.c, Art. 12.2.1.h, Art. 12.2.1.i, Art. 12.2.1.l.

Decision: **Disqualification of the car N° 216, Crew FAYEZ ALKAYED / SULIMAN ALREMALY from the international event Saudi Baja 2022. The Stewards forward this decision to the ASN of the Competitor in order to consider the possibility of suspending the competition license for the driver and not issuing a new licence for the term that the ASN considers appropriate.**

Reason:

The Stewards reached this decision after hearing, determine that the conduct of the Driver was illegal, fraudulent, and unsafe.

The Driver stated that there was confusion about the instruction through multiple Officials e.g. the Marshalls at Time Control and the Technical Delegate. The Driver was instructed by the Technical Delegate that the Safety Belts had to be adjusted in a safe way, however when the Safety Belts were tightened, the Driver could not reach the steering wheel. The Technical delegate instructed that the driver could not continue in competition unless the belts were securely fastened. During the hearing the Driver changes his position multiple times. Therefore, the Stewards believe that the Driver deliberately drove on without permission.

In making the previous decision (Dec No 3, Doc 2.5, issued Nov 10, 2022), the Stewards hoped that the penalty imposed would be sufficient to enable the competitor/driver to draw conclusions and stop acting inappropriately, and in an unsportsmanlike, and using deception.

But the behavior of the competitor/driver was completely indefensible.

Every Competitor, driver is obliged to follow the legal instructions of official persons. Opposite behavior cannot be tolerated. If the FIA Technical Delegate has requested that the seatbelts must be handled in such a way as to be safe, the Competitor/driver must do so. He cannot arbitrarily without the consent of official persons continue the competition. This is an act that creates a huge danger in the context of safety. This is acting against the interests of motorsport, causing great damage to the reputation of the sport, to the community, to the FIA.

Such behavior harms motorsport in general and Cross-Country (Bajas) discipline as well.

Offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence (ISC Art. 12.1.1.a).

In this such case, only disqualification of the Car N° 216 may be granted.

The Decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1; Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 11.9.3.i.

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Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the FIA 2022 International Sporting Code this Decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns questions of safety and breach of Art. 12.2.1.c, 12.2.1.h.

Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

Jan SEINEN
FIA Steward

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ASN Steward

Competitor: **FAYEZ ALKAYED**

Vehicle No: 216

Crew: **FAYEZ ALKAYED / SULIMAN ALREMALY**

Date: **12/11**

Time: **17:10**

Signature:

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