W2RC DAKAR RALLY 2025

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Date:	**Friday, 10th January 2025**	Time:	**15.40 hrs**
Subject:	**STEWARDS DECISION N° 19**	Document No:	**2.21**

From: The Stewards

To: Competitor **No 334** Name: **QMMF TEAM**
Crew **ABDULAZIZ AL-KUWARI / NASSER AL-KUWARI**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc. 3.37), having heard the Crew Members and the Team Member (Mr. Ibrahim Al Sheikh), have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: Competitor Car #334 was reported having been working in the rear right of their car in the first part of the Neutralisation Zone RZ17 in SS5.

Offence: Breach of the Art. 2.18, Art. 57.1 of FIA 2025 CCRSR.

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of 30 Minutes on SS5 on Competitor Car No 334**

Reason: During the hearing, driver admitted the fact. The driver apologised, as it is his first Dakar. He explained that they had a flat tyre before the neutralisation zone. As the night before, at the Marathon Bivouac, they experienced some issues with the jack on gravel surface, they changed the wheel when reaching tarmac, which was at the neutralisation zone.

They don't have much experience, so they didn't even know that is forbidden.

They now know that it is forbidden, but there is nothing they can do about it. They are very sorry for the infringement and will certainly not repeat it in the future.

The Stewards reminded the competitor about having to comply with the regulations.

Stewards conclude that there is a breach of Art. 2.18 and Art. 57.1 of FIA 2025 CCRSR.
In deciding on the penalty to be imposed, the Stewards consider it necessary to impose a sporting penalty, i.e. a time penalty.

Evidence that the crew took at least 4 minutes to perform the unauthorised act is sufficient. A time penalty that also compensates for the time advantage (compared to the fact that they could have carried out these actions legally, outside the Neutralisation Zone) is necessary.

The Decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1; Art., Art. 11.9.2.a, 11.9.3.a, Art. 12.4.1.h.

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.

Arnas PALIUKENAS	**Omar ZAROUR**	**Saleh ALEM**
Chair of the Panel of Stewards	FIA Steward	ASN Steward

This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

Name (in block letters):	**STEPHANIE FRASSON-BOTTON**	*Date:*	**10.01.2025**
Position within the team:	**TEAM MANAGER**	*Time:*	**16:00 hrs**

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