



**BRIEFING**  
**AL ULA - AL ULA**  
**06/01/2026**



**DREAM.**  
**DARE.**  
**LIVE IT.**



# /// AL ULA → AL ULA

**ROAD SECTION A**

**64**

**SELECTIVE SECTION**

**421**

**ROAD SECTION B**

**251**

## **BIVOUAC 1ST DEPARTURE**

**FIM**

**06:00**

**FIA**

**08:15**

## **DSS 1ST DEPARTURE**

**FIM**

**07:30**

**FIA**

**09:45**



## **/// GENERAL INFORMATION**

This stage, which has become a must on the Dakar in Saudi Arabia, will once again take us back to the magnificent sandy canyons of the AlUla region, with a sustained pace and frequent CAP changes. The eastward progression gradually smooths out the relief until reaching plateaus where the tracks are difficult to spot. Navigation will play a leading role up to the Neutralization section on more rocky terrain. After that, a better-marked track appears on a winding gravel surface, with rhythms and terrain changing regularly between plateaus and canyons. The climb back north and the ASS will offer no respite; here again, navigation is difficult on these empty plateaus where tracks have largely disappeared due to recent winds and rainfall.





# /// GENERAL INFORMATION

- KM 0 – 40: Sandy canyons
- KM 40 – 105: Fast gravel tracks
- KM 105 – 127: The track becomes less rideable, rough and winding as CP1 approaches on track, present only to ensure safety due to the crossing with the Dakar Classic. Sand then once again gives way to gravel roads, which is not always clearly visible.
- KM 127 – 168: You enter a demanding section rocky and technical.
- KM 168 – 219: The landscape opens up onto fast, or even very fast, plateaus leading to the Neutralization.
- KM 219 – 323: The track returns to wide, winding canyons, generally fast, though some undulations or short rough sections occasionally disrupt the rhythm.
- KM 323 – ASS: Navigation will be demanding in this final part of the stage; although the tracks are fast, they are poorly visible and in poor condition.



# /// **VIGILANCE POINTS**

- KM 161.26: Long sandy descent.
- KM 194.42: Passage over a summit with a tight right-hand turn, rocky and narrow. Beware of the ravine on the outside of the corner.
- KM 282.12: Difficult, narrow passage through rocks.
- KM 288.50: Off-camber technical section (attention for trucks).
- KM 297.78: Rocky passage followed by a summit and an off-piste rocky downhill section, technical and rough.





# /// VARIOUS INFORMATION

- CP1: Crossing with the Dakar Classic race, no asphalt.
- Neutralization: 20 and 7 minutes.
- Road Section B: 70 km diversion requested by law enforcement authorities.





# **/// VARIOUS INFORMATIONS**

Central aisle:  
Remain vigilant, headlights on and maximum speed 30 km/h.





# THANK YOU !



DEFENDER

