

BRIEFING
YANBU - YANBU
04/01/2026



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YANBU → YANBU

ROAD SECTION A

100

SELECTIVE SECTION

305

ROAD SECTION B

119

BIVOUAC 1ST DEPARTURE

FIM

05:50

FIA

08:35

DSS 1ST DEPARTURE

FIM

07:30

FIA

10:15



/// GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A fine, well-balanced opening stage. This first selective sector does not present major difficulties and offers terrain well suited to driving, in the same vein as the previous day's Prologue, with regular changes of rhythm and terrain, mainly on sandy and gravelly surfaces. Although navigation remains accessible, caution will be required due to the numerous canyon changes and in the wadis, which have evolved following recent rains. The overall pace will remain fairly high, so vigilance is essential for this major first stage!

- KM 0 – 50: Beautiful sandy canyons where the pace will alternate between fast and very fast.**
- KM 50 – 68: Tracks in the canyons deteriorate due to the rains, becoming more winding and rockier.**
- KM 68 – 84: The end of the canyons leads onto rocky plateaus that remain very winding.**
- KM 84 – 189: Return to much wider and faster wadis, sometimes running through vegetation. Tracks and canyon changes are numerous in this sector.**
- FIA: at KM 180 you will find your assistance teams.**



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- **KM 189 – 200:** The track plunges into a rough canyon, slower and more technical.
- **KM 200 – 258:** Just before reaching the Neutralisation, the track improves and allows the pace to pick up again. A few rocky sections and winding sectors reduce the overall average speed.
- **KM 258 – 278:** The track gives way to a few small dunes off-piste.
- **KM 278 – ASS:** The track resumes toward the finish at a good pace. Watch out for pipe crossings and rocks in a final narrow canyon before the finish.



/// VIGILANCE POINTS

Recent rains have damaged the course, therefore extreme caution is required. The region is very busy at this time of year due to the presence of numerous nomadic farms during the rainy season. Some sectors have numerous Danger 2 sections, and there are three Danger 3 sections on the special stage.

- **KM 18.62:** The track is very narrow, with stones after the summit.
- **KM 83.00:** Dangerous descent with a rut on the right. Make sure to stay close to the mountain on your left.
- **KM 101.98:** Difficult and rough passage between rocks.
- **KM 152.66:** Difficult and narrow trial-type section, especially for trucks.



/// VARIOUS INFORMATION

- **Please bring your used tires to the Green point located on the main road.**
- **Some of you still haven't activated your Tripy, so don't forget to do so tonight.**
- **FIA only :**
 1. **Pit stop assistance: the tracks are in your tripy and also on sportity in DK26INFO**
 2. **Assistance departs at 8:00 a.m. for the pit stop**





THANKS !



DEFENDER

