



01/01/2026

GENERAL BRIEFING DAKAR 2026

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DAVID
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DIRECTOR

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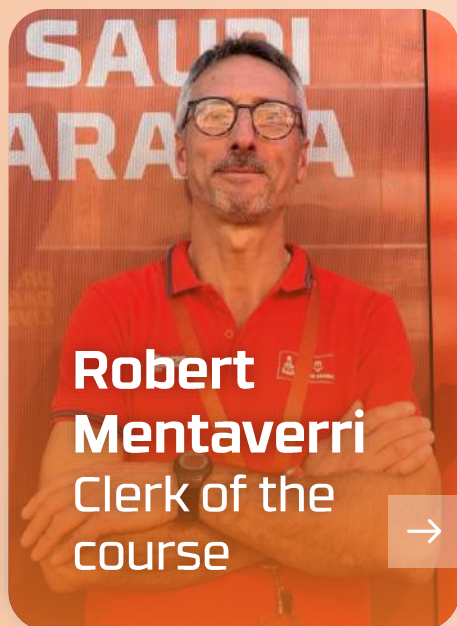
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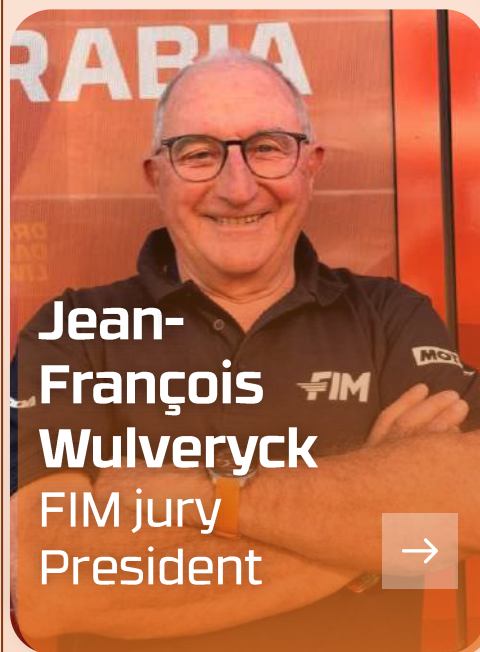
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**Robert
Mentaverri**
Clerk of the
course →



**Sergio
Sequeira**
Deputy clerk
of the course →

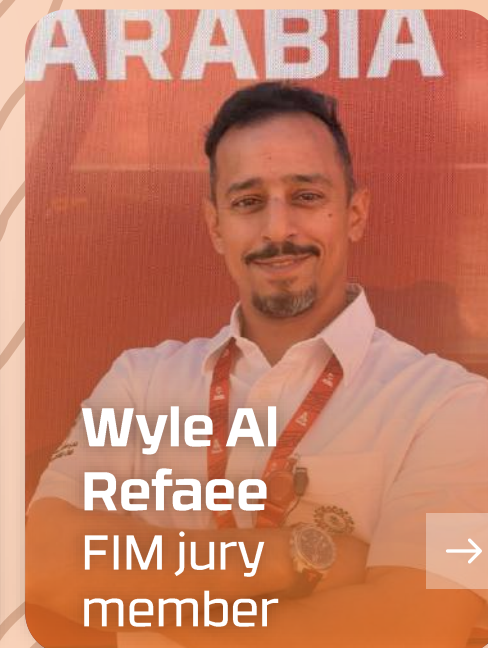


**Jean-
François
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FIM jury
President →

FIM JURY



José Rita
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member →

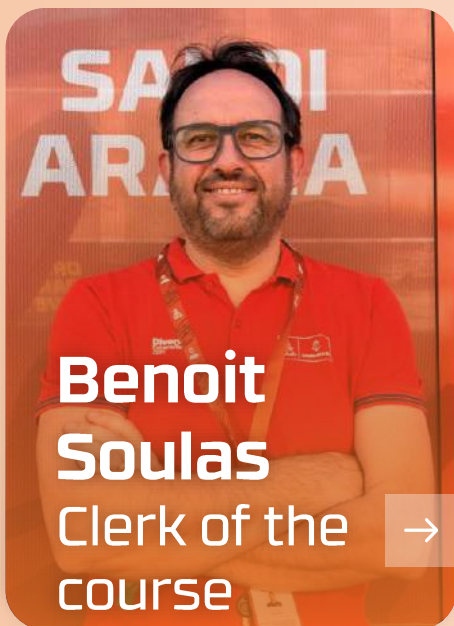


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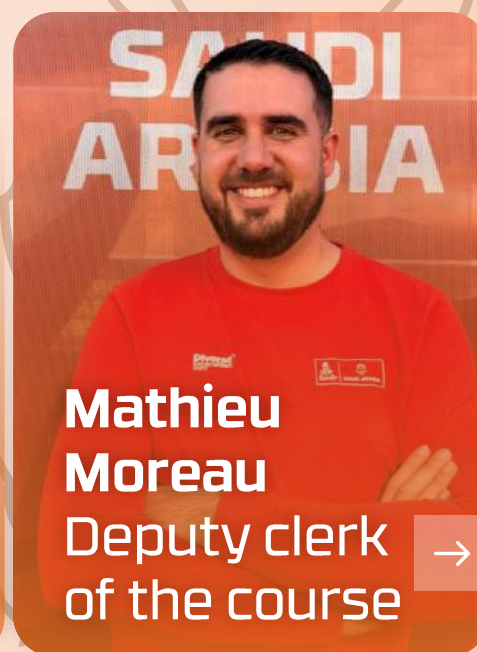
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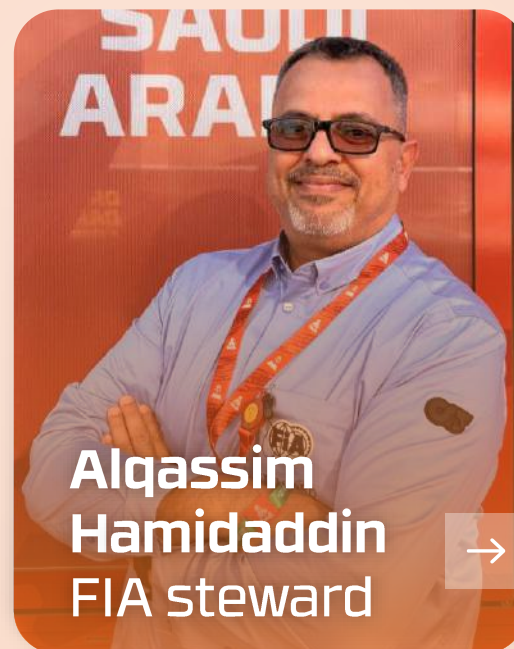
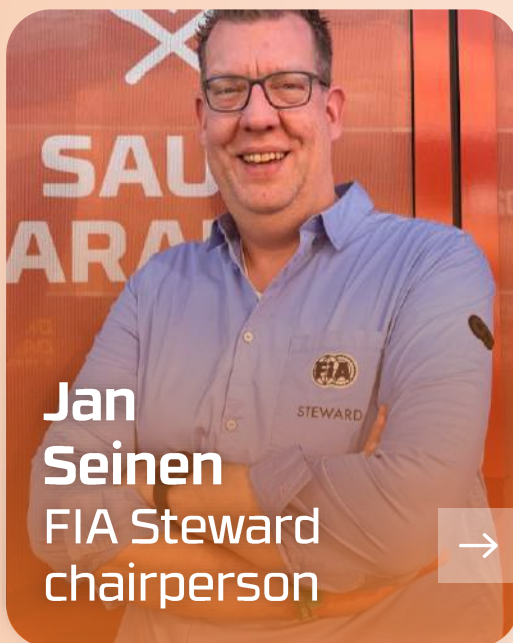
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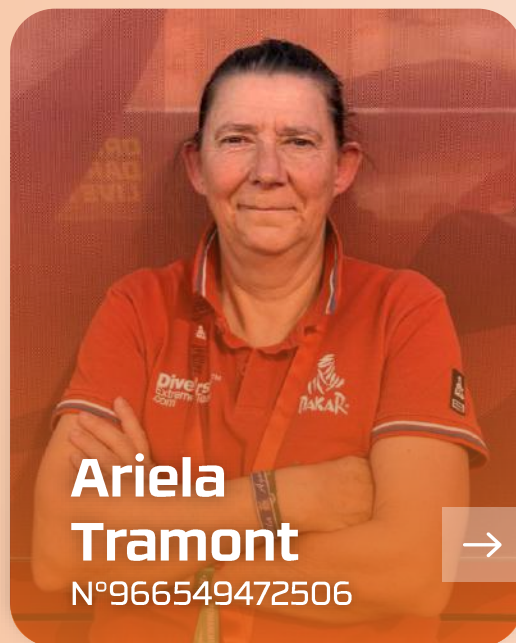
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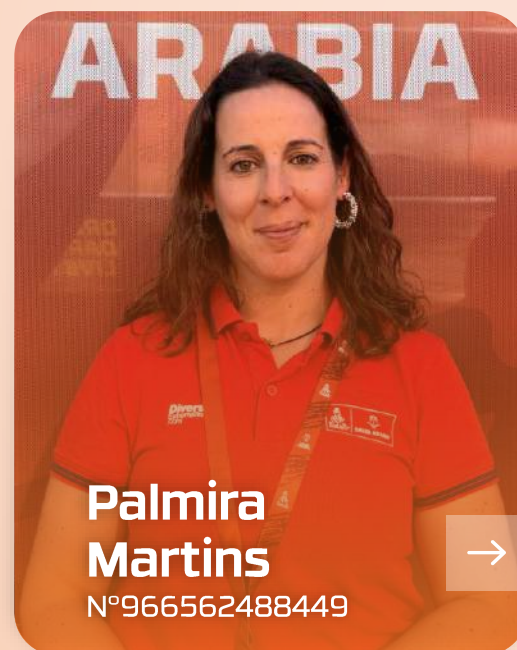
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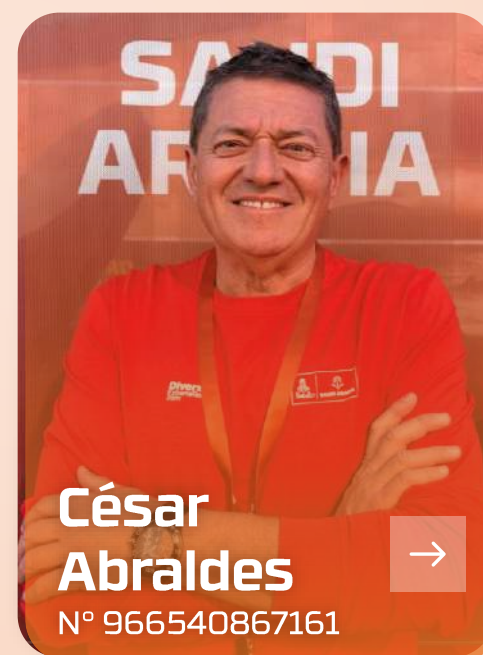
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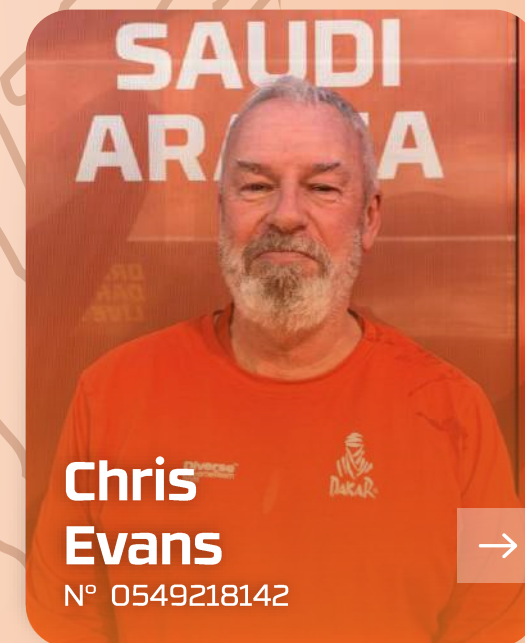
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Tramont**
N°966549472506



**Palmira
Martins**
N°966562488449



**César
Abrales**
N° 966540867161



**Chris
Evans**
N° 0549218142



BIBS



GPS

ERTF staff

Present at the Entry/Exit of bivouacs and at DSS and neutralization.

In case of problems with the GPS system

Post Chief

Marshall / organisation

Present on every stage



Tracking

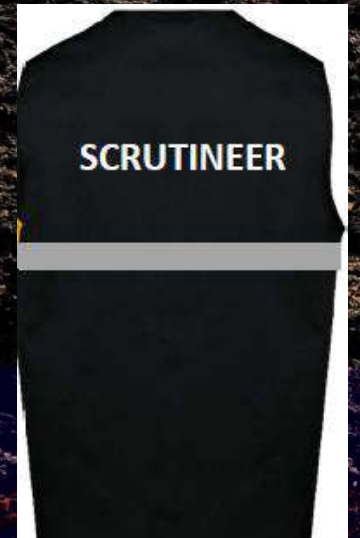
Marlink staff

Present at the Entry/Exit of bivouacs and at DSS

In case of problems with the Iritrack.

Technical Scrutineer

Present at the bivouac





COMMUNICATION DURING THE RALLY



SPORTITY

**GENERAL
INFORMATION**

DK26INFO

**FIA
COMMUNICATION**

DK26FIA

**FIM
COMMUNICATION**

DK26FIM

**DAKAR
CLASSIC
COMMUNICATION**

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COMMUNICATION**

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2 COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

DAILY EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED

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GENERAL BRIEFING

12

1

Race center – live race tracking

2

**Stage info: 5:00 p.m. every day on Sportity :
Schematic map + timing**

3

Daily prize ceremony at 7:30pm

4

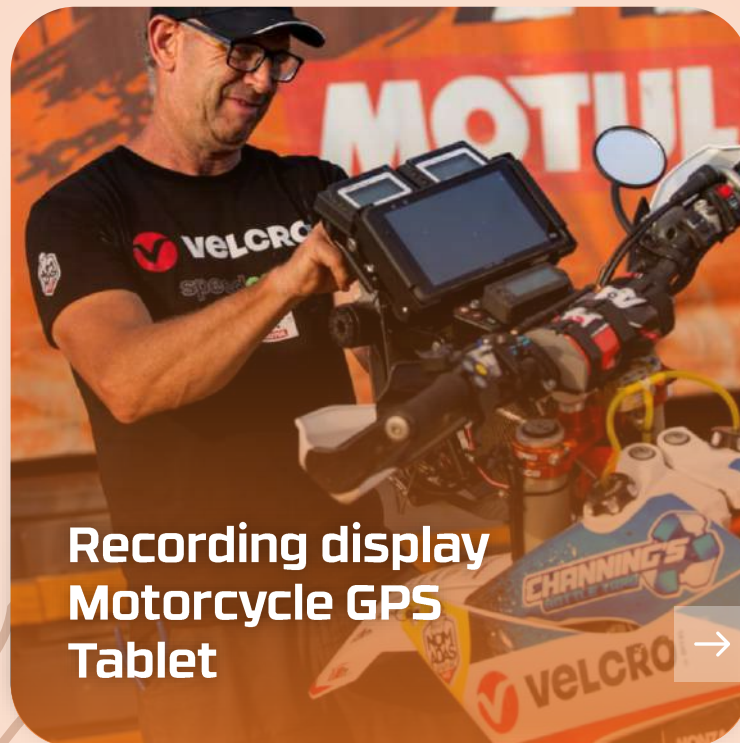
**Daily briefing at 8:00 p.m. (except rest day 10/01/2026 >
7:00 p.m.) and available simultaneously on Sportity**





THE NEW SPORTS GUIDELINES





**Recording display
Motorcycle GPS
Tablet**



**False start
units at DSS**

REFUGE MARATHON STAGE



***Basic equipment:
Mattress, sleeping
bag, tent, rations***

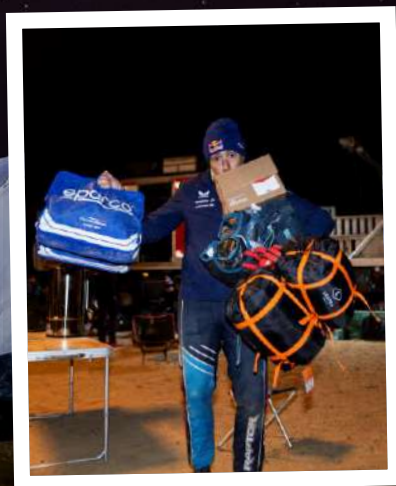
***The organization
will not transport
any personal
belongings.***

***Zero infrastructure
Limited organizational
staff
Rankings at the end of
each stage***

Separate bivouac



***No time limit for
repairs in ALL
categories***





ROADBOOK & NAVIGATION



ELECTRONIC ROADBOOK

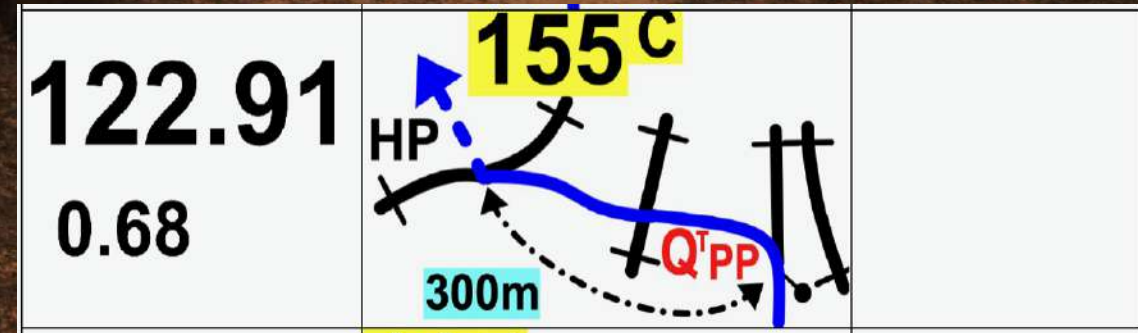
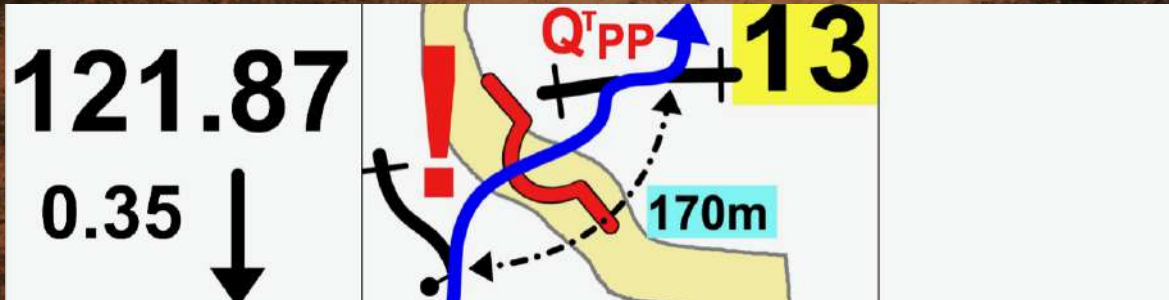
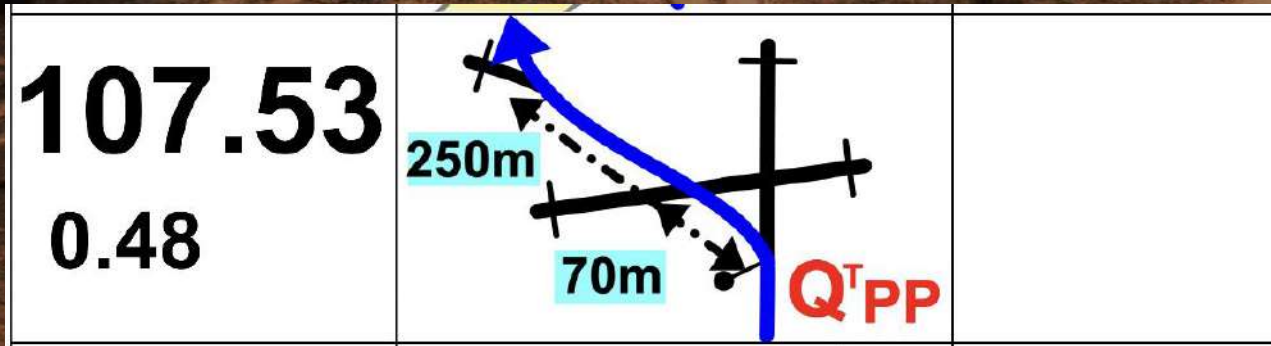
Road section A:

- Opening code available on Sportity and displayed at the TC bivouac
- Technician present at the bivouac TC

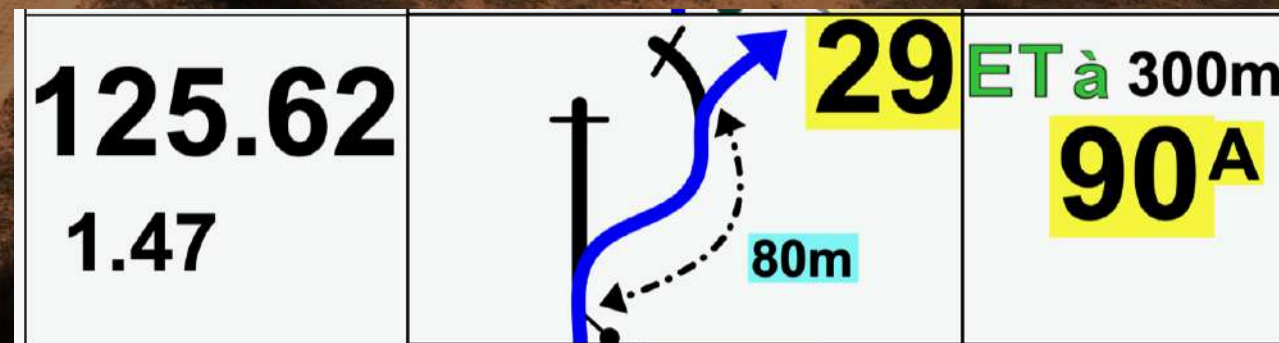
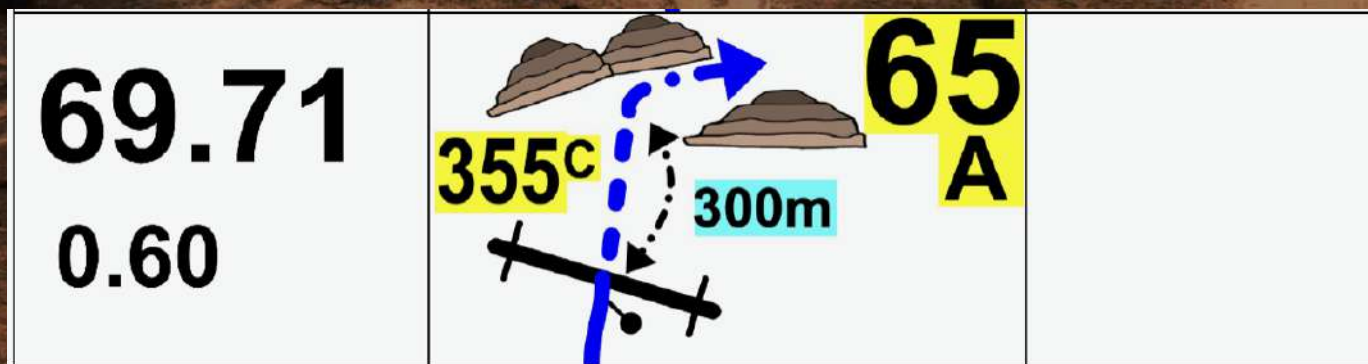
Selective sector:

- Opening of the roadbook at TC DSS
- Technician present at the TC DSS in case of technical issues
- If repair takes too long
→ new start time
- Technicians available at neutralisation

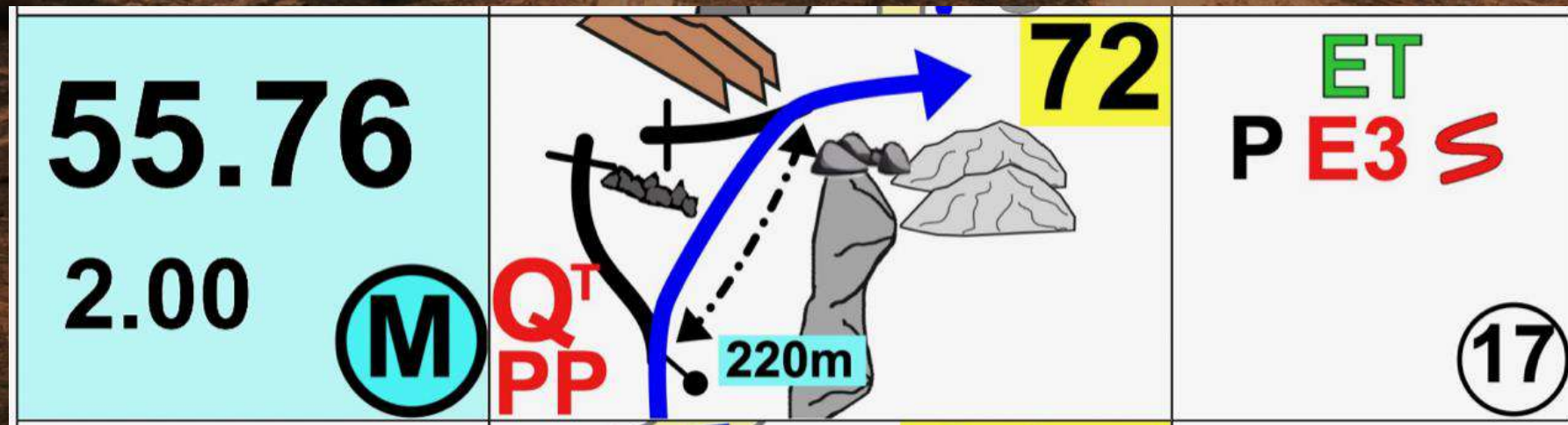
LONG DISTANCES NOTES



TWO CAPS

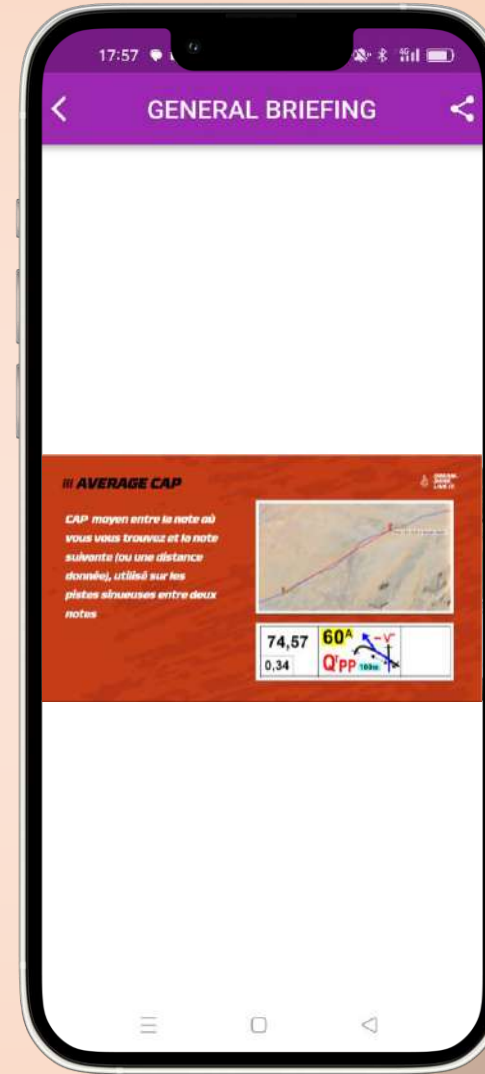


EXIT CAP



NAVIGATION

- Average Cap
 - Calculated Cap
 - Oblique Cap
 - Exit Cap
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- Details on Sportity

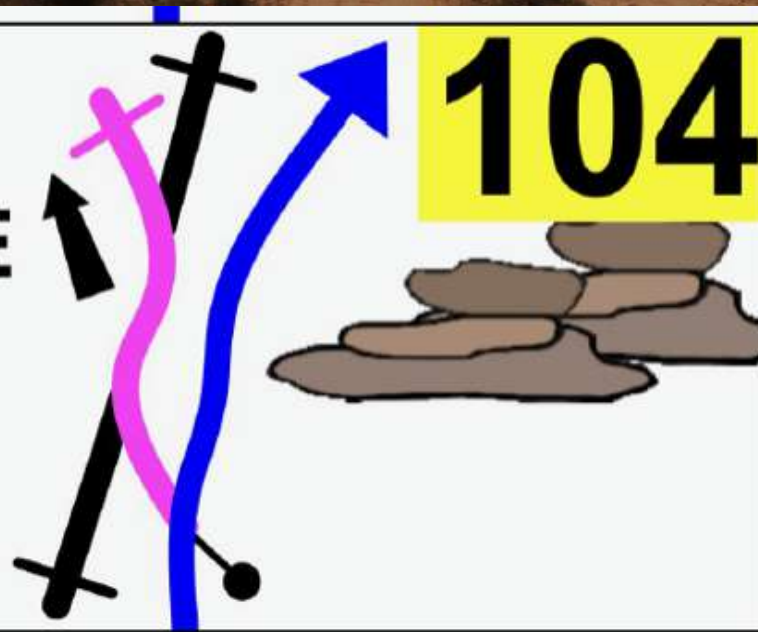


SEPARATE ROUTES

2.11

1.22

BIKE





NEUTRALISATION & TRANSFER

NEUTRALISATION (REFUELING)



Refueling zone
inside a selective
sector → rule of
« parc fermé » →



Challenger + SSV + Truck:
20 min minimum (30 minutes
when separate routes)

Ultimate + Stock:
5 minutes minimum →



Mandatory:
mark the **stop** at the
restart at NEU. OUT →

REFUELING ON NEUTRALISATION

	NEUTRALISATION TIME
STAGE 4/5/9/10	30 minutes / 5 minutes (mini)
OTHER STAGES	20 minutes / 5 minutes (mini)

TRANSFER



**Assistance
allowed**
between
competitors
still competing



Road sector with a
set time between
two portions of a
selective sector



Authorized
assistance with the
team assistance
only during shared
routes

PIT STOP

- ➔ Stages 1/2/11
- ➔ You will go through the pit stop on a transfer.
- ➔ Speed limit 30KM/H.
- ➔ Tight schedule for completing the transfer.
- ➔ Stop and go mandatory even if you're running late.



REPOSITIONNING

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GENERAL BRIEFING



Priority FIA Platinum & Gold drivers as per article 32.2.6



FIM
on request from the competitor

FIA Silver drivers :

1 repositioning only to be requested from the Race Director no later than 1 hour before the publication of the start list for the next stage

It is possible to **request to the Race Director** for the top 10 in the overall category → Request to be made before 6.30pm



ASSISTANCE



ASSISTANCE

1

Commune route for assistance & race communicated the day before → Info 05:00PM

2

Pit stop : stages 1, 2 & 11

- Semi-trailers and motorhomes prohibited
- Comply with the schedule of the bivouac exit

3

Remote refueling (Ultimate & Stock)

- Stages 6, 7 & 8 : completed by the crew during the race
- Stage 11 : available for assistance

4

Please activate your Tripy now

DEPARTURE TIME



30 minutes before the departure of the first bike
(Except for exceptions communicated the day before)

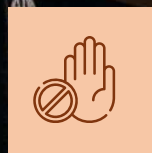
	FROM	TO	FIRST SERVICE CAR DEPARTURE ALLOWED	OPENNING TIME OF ARRIVAL BIVOUAC
PROLOGUE	YANBU	YANBU		
STAGE 01	YANBU	YANBU	09:30 (FIA)	
STAGE 02	YANBU	ALULA	05:10	10:30
STAGE 03	ALULA	ALULA	-	
STAGE 04	ALULA	REFUGE	05:45	10:45
STAGE 05	REFUGE	HAIL	-	
STAGE 06	HAIL	RIYADH	04:00	10:30
REST DAY				
STAGE 07	RIYADH	WADI AD DAWASIR	04:00	10:30
STAGE 08	WADI AD DAWASIR	WADI AD DAWASIR	-	
STAGE 09	WADI AD DAWASIR	REFUGE	05:00	09:00
STAGE 10	REFUGE	BISHA	-	
STAGE 11	BISHA	AL HENAKIYAH	03:45	12:45
STAGE 12	AL HENAKIYAH	YANBU	04:30	10:00
STAGE 13	YANBU	YANBU	-	



NIGHT TIME TESTS:



Helmets and harnesses are mandatory for tests outside the bivouac.



Mandatory stop at the bivouac exit for entry and exit checks.



From 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.: exit and entry only through the main entrance, even for access to the gas station.



Maximum speed within 1 km of the bivouac: 30 km/h. Testing available zone on Sportity



SECURITY



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40 people at the Paris Control Center & PCO:
Race data transmitted in real time to the two control stations via Iritrack



70 doctors



5 medical helicopters
deployed throughout the race to ensure medical coverage



12 medical vehicles
deployed along the course



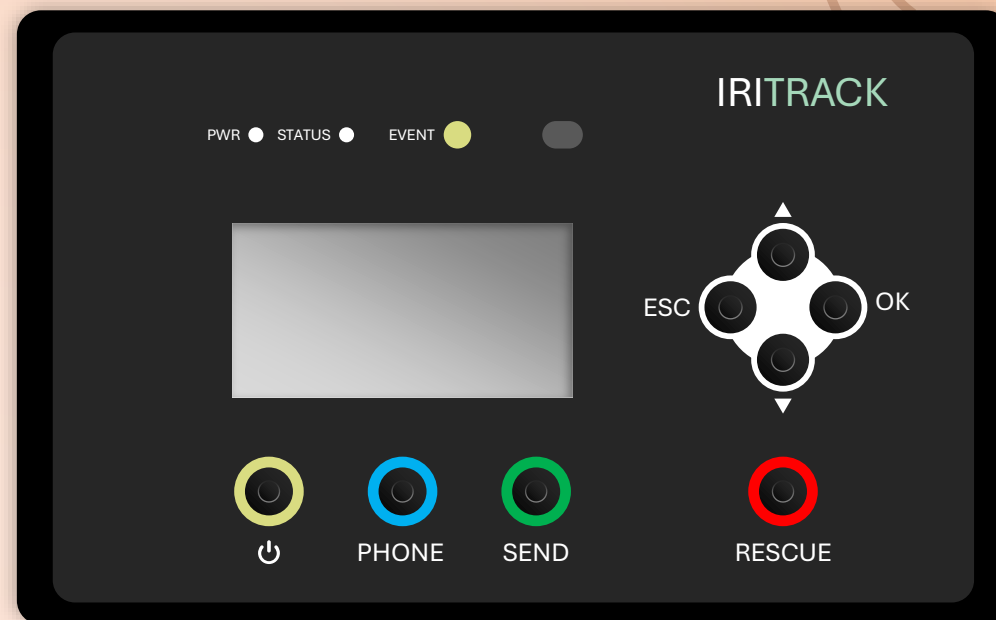
30.000 Local Saudi security forces mobilized



IRITRACK

Press the buttons (blue / green / red) until the 'STATUS' LED flashes and the sending confirmation is displayed on the screen (1 second)

After pressing the red button, the STATUS LED remains solid blue. It will then start flashing for one minute, indicating that Race Control has successfully received your alarm.



Call the RACE PC

Press the blue button
(it may sometimes take
a while to establish the
connection)

Mechanical problem

Press the green button
In the event of a stop due to an
accident:

Press the green button when
you start moving again. For
stops lasting more than 3
minutes, your stop time may
be deducted.

Need medical assistance?
Press the red button.
If you are the victim of or
witness to an accident
involving bodily injury

EQUIPMENT

FIA

Balaclava, fire extinguisher, helmet...
Reminder pannel at the start area.

FIM

Cold & rain:
personal belongings may be left at the DSS and collected from the Competitors' Service, with no guarantee on pickup times.

AIRBAG:
3 charging kits for the rally, including one recharge per stage

For the bikers, bring a lighter with you during for each stage

OVERTAKING SAFETY

- Sentinel function > warns and secures overtaking with audible alarms
- Comply with the Sentinel alarm
- “Automatic” application of penalties for non-compliance
- Anticollision

SECURITY FLAG



On stages 6 & 10
(refuge marathon)

For the following
categories : **Ultimate,
Challenger,
SSV & Stock**

Guidelines in case of an accident during liaison

- 1** Protect the area to avoid a multiple collision
- 2** Inform the PCO (Iritrack or GSM) and the local police (911)
- 3** Protect the potential victims
- 4** It is essential to wait for the police to arrive and write up an accident report and determine liability → No police report - no liability - no insurance compensation
- 5** Take photos documenting the accident and send them to the PCO/Competitors Department within 24 hours.

SAFETY RULES ASSISTANCE





CATERING



Snack packs & catering



New process
for snack pack
collection this
year :

*You will collect
your snack pack
at every TC
bivouac entry*

OPERATING HOURS CATERING

BIVOUAC	DATE	OPENING	CLOSING	PASTA PARTY
Yanbu Start Camp	27/12/25	6:00 PM	12:00 AM	
	28/12/25	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	
	29/12/25	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	
	30/12/25	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	
	31/12/25	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	✓
	01/01/26	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	✓
	02/01/26	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	✓
	03/01/26	6:05 AM	12:00 AM	✓
Al Ula	04/01/26	4:30 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	05/01/26	3:25 AM	1:00 PM	✓
	06/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	07/01/26	5:15 AM	1:30 AM	✓
Ha'il	08/01/26	4:20 AM	1:00 PM	✓
	09/01/26	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	✓
	10/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	11/01/26	2:50 AM	1:00 PM	✓
Riyadh	12/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	13/01/26	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	✓
	14/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	15/01/26	2:00 AM	1:00 PM	✓
Wadi Ad-Dawasir	16/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	17/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	18/01/26	4:05 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	19/01/26	3:15 AM	1:00 PM	✓
Bisha	20/01/26	6:00 AM	12:00 AM	✓
	21/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	22/01/26	4:30 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	23/01/26	3:30 AM	1:00 PM	✓
Al Henakiyah	24/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	25/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	26/01/26	3:45 AM	1:00 PM	✓
	27/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
Yanbu Finish Camp	28/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	29/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	30/01/26	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	✓
	31/01/26	6:00 AM	12:00 PM	✓

Breakfast : From opening to 10:30 AM - Lunch : From 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Dinner : From 6:00 PM to closing time - Pasta Party 24/7

SNACK PACK PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Evening opening hours 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

The person in charge of each team/vehicle must come to collect the items for their entire team

DATE	STAGE	COMPETITORS	ASSISTANCES	MORNING OPENING*
03-janv	Prologue	✗	✗	
04-janv	Stage 1 - Yanbu > Yanbu	✓	✗	4:30 AM
05-janv	Stage 2 - Yanbu > Al Ula	✓	✗	3:25 AM
06-janv	Stage 3 - Al Ula > Al Ula	✓	✗	5:15 AM
07-janv	Stage 4 - Al Ula > Bivouac Refuge 1	✓	✗	4:20 AM
08-janv	Stage 5 - Bivouac Refuge 1 > Hail	✓	✗	
09-janv	Stage 6 - Hail > Riyadh	✓	✓	4:20 AM
10-janv	REST DAY	✗	✗	
11-janv	Stage 7 - Riyadh > Wadi Ad Dawasir	✓	✓	2:00 AM
12-janv	Stage 8 - Wadi Ad Dawasir > Wadi Ad Dawasir	✓	✗	4:05 AM
13-janv	Stage 9 - Wadi Ad Dawasir > Bivouac Refuge 2	✓	✗	3:15 AM
14-janv	Stage 10 - Bivouac Refuge 2 > Bisha	✓	✗	
15-janv	Stage 11 - Bisha > Al Henakiyah	✓	✓	3:30 AM
16-janv	Stage 12 - Al Henakiyah > Yanbu	✓	✗	3:45 AM
17-janv	Stage 13 - Yanbu > Yanbu	✓	✗	5:10 AM

*Morning opening hours until last departure

Snack Packs can be picked-up the evening before the stage.

Snack Packs are available for assistance crews only for +500km transfers.



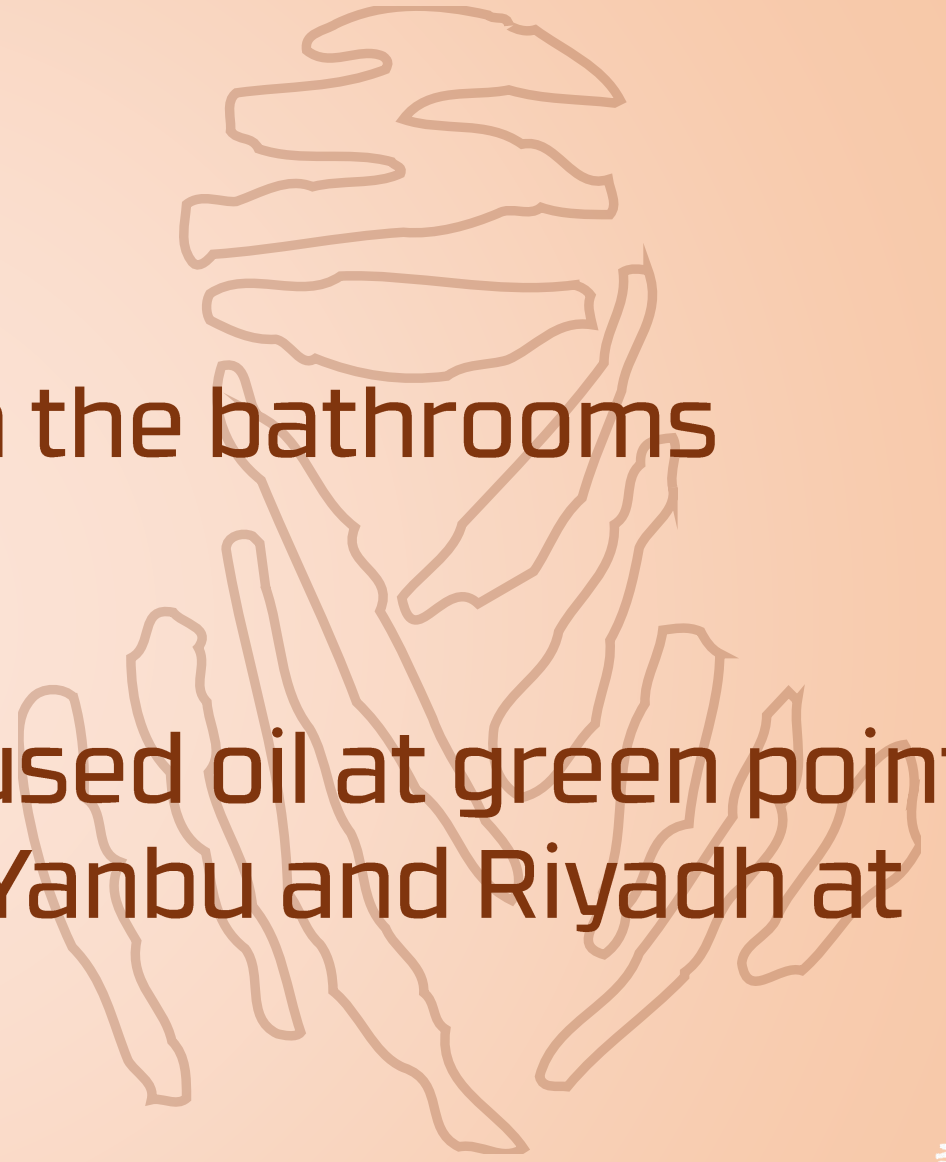
GOOD MANNERS



- No swimming
- Drones are forbidden
- Camp fires are forbidden
- Respect and cleanliness in the bathrooms



- Mandatory collections of used oil at green point
- Collection of used tires in Yanbu and Riyadh at Green point
- Bivouac, I leave no trace





REFUELING



REFUELING AREA



OPERATING HOURS REFUELLING STATION



BIVOUAC	DATE	OPENING HOURS
YANBU START CAMP	30/12/2025	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	31/12/2025 to 02/01/2026	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	03/01/2026	24/7
	04/01/2026	24/7
	05/01/2026	Closing at 8:00 a.m.
AI ULA	05/01/2026	Opening at 12:00 p.m.
	06/01/2026	24/7
	07/01/2026	Closing at 8:00 a.m.
HAIL	07/01/2026	Closed
	08/01/2026	24/7
	09/01/2026	Closing at 8:00 p.m.
RIYADH	09/01/2026	Opening at 12:00 p.m.
	10/01/2026	24/7
	11/01/2026	Closing at 8:00 a.m.
WADI AD DAWASIR	11/01/2026	Opening at 12:00 p.m.
	12/01/2026	24/7
	13/01/2026	Closing at 5:00 a.m.
BISHA	13/01/2026	Open at 4:00 p.m.
	14/01/2026	24/7
	15/01/2026	Closing at 8:00 a.m.
AL HENAKIYAH	15/01/2026	Opening at 12:00 p.m.
	16/01/2026	Closing at 8:00 a.m.
YANBU FINISH CAMP	16/01/2026	Opening at 12:00 p.m.
	17/01/2026	Closing at 7:00 a.m.

ACCESS

COMPETITORS:

ALL RACE-REGISTERED VEHICLES WITH THEIR RACE NUMBER

ORGANIZATION:

ALL VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A DEDICATED STICKER PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZER

BIVOUAC

From the
opening of the
bivouac at 8 am
until D+1
Schedule
available on
Sportity



REFUELING AREA SAFETY FIRST



3 people per car maximum ✓

YOU MUST BE WEARING :



Balaclava fit on ✓



Long sleeves ✓



1
Extinguisher
per car ✓



Closed shoes ✓



REMOTE REFUELING ZONE

ULT/STK/TRK

	LOCATION	GROUPS ALLOWED	SERVICE CAR ALLOWED
STAGE 04	AFTER STOP POINT ON RS.B	FIM/SSV/CHG/ULT/STK/ TRK	NO
STAGE 09	AFTER STOP POINT ON RS.B	FIM/SSV/CHG/ULT/STK/ TRK	NO
STAGE 06	AFTER STOP POINT ON RS.B	FIM/SSV/CHG/ULT/STK	NO
STAGE 07	BEFORE TC DSS ON RS.A	FIM/SSV/CHG/ULT/STK	NO
STAGE 08	BEFORE TC DSS ON RS.A	FIM/SSV/CHG/ULT/STK	NO
STAGE 11	AFTER STOP POINT ON RS.B	FIM/SSV/CHG/ULT/STK	YES



FAY Mathilde
WhatsApp contact

SHARE YOUR STORIES!

Tell us about your Dakar experience!
Something unbelievable, fun, emotional,
crazy, or challenging happened...
you've got stories to tell!

**A short selfie video, a voice note,
a picture, anything works!**

**Scan this QR code and
share your adventures.**

Your content may be featured across
Dakar social media, website, TV programs.



YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA

→ Dedicated WhatsApp groups have been created for amateur competitors, allowing you to fully experience and share your adventure.

→ Within your personal WhatsApp group, you will receive exclusive content free of charge:

- Your video appearance on the start and finish podium
- Your interview at the bivouac entrance
- Two photos per day to relive each stage

These groups are personal and private. You are welcome to invite your family, friends and sponsors so they can follow your journey day by day.

If you have not yet joined your group, please contact the Competitor Service.

@DakarRally
#Dakar2026
#DakarInSaudi



OUR PARTNERS

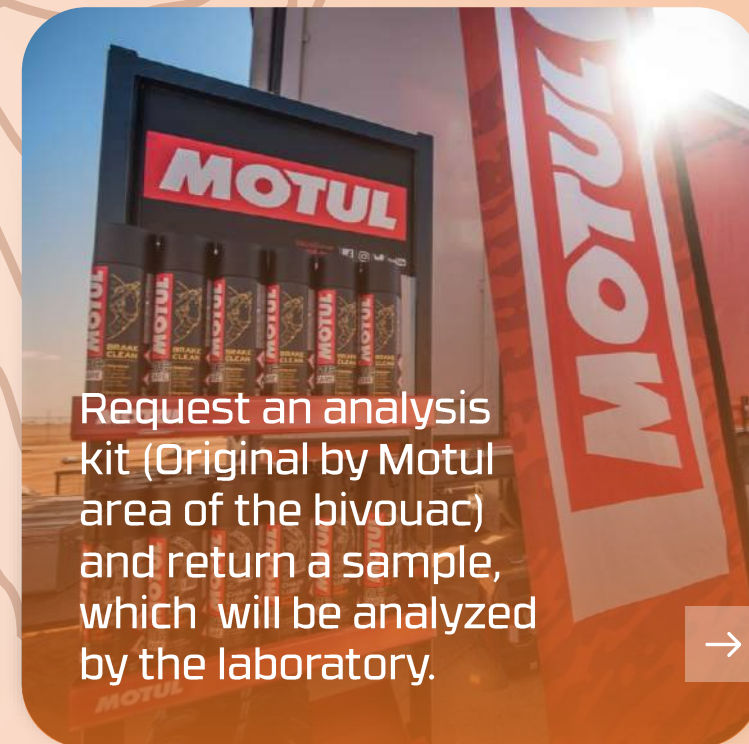
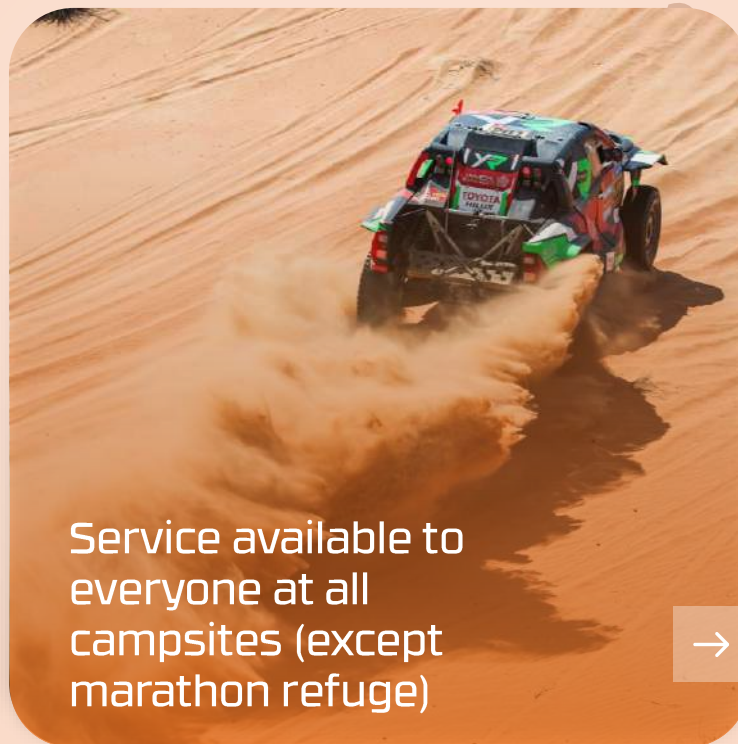


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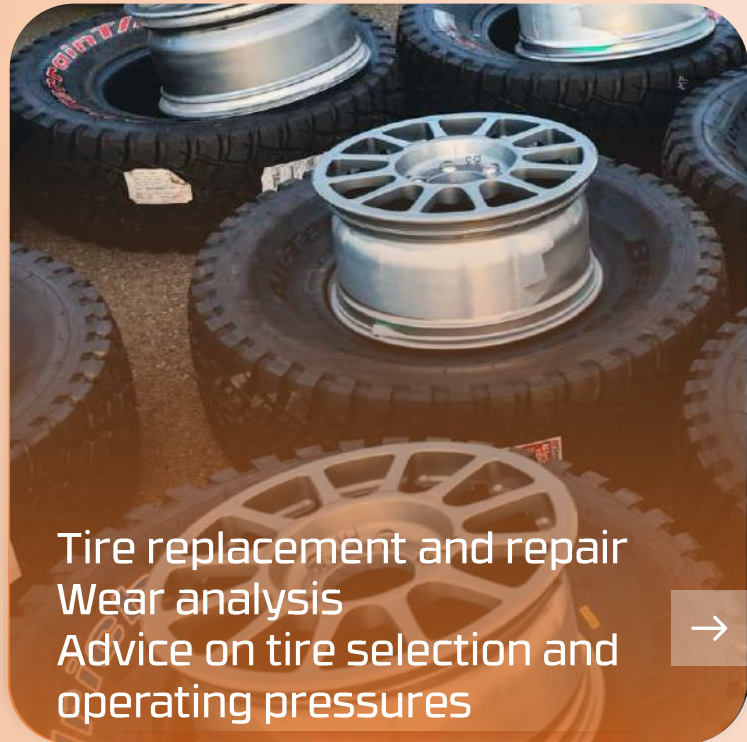
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Tire replacement and repair
Wear analysis
Advice on tire selection and
operating pressures



Visit the BFGoodrich
stand at each bivouac in
the central area.



A fee will be charged for
vehicles with tires other than
BFGoodrich brand tires.





PROLOGUE – 03/01



BRIEFING

YANBU - YANBU

PROLOGUE 03/01/2026



**DREAM.
DARE.
LIVE IT.**



YANBU → YANBU

ROAD SECTION A

41

SELECTIVE SECTION

22

ROAD SECTION B

33

BIVOUAC 1ST DEPARTURE

FIM

08:20

FIA

10:50

DSS 1ST DEPARTURE

FIM

09:15

FIA

11:45



/// **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

A Prologue that will immediately demand a high level of commitment in both riding and navigation.

The 22 kilometers require particular attention to navigation and careful reading of the road book notes.

→ Some trial sections.

→ An alternation of pace and terrain through fast or winding canyons, sometimes even rocky.



/// **VIGILANCE POINTS**

- KM 9.75: Danger 2 TRIAL
- KM 17.12: Follow the CAP carefully
- KM 20.07: Trucks, beware of vegetation up to ASS
- RS.A – KM 36: When leaving the asphalt to the right, do not stop on the track for 1 km, continue towards DSS
- End of RS.A / Start of RS.B: Shared route, be cautious when crossing other vehicles



/// **VARIOUS INFORMATIONS**

- Podium passage after the Prologue
- CH at the bivouac arrival, at the bottom of the podium
- No briefing on 02/01
- 03/01: Starting position selection ceremony from 7:00 pm, followed by the Stage 1 briefing at 7:30 pm
- Distribution of first rations for stage 1 upon your arrival after your podium appearance



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