



**BRIEFING**  
**HA'IL - RIYADH**  
**09/01/2026**



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# HA'IL → RIYADH

**ROAD SECTION A**

**322**

**SELECTIVE SECTION**

**326**

**ROAD SECTION B**

**267**

## **BIVOUAC 1ST DEPARTURE**

**FIM**

**04:00**

**FIA**

**06:10**

## **DSS 1ST DEPARTURE**

**FIM**

**08:30**

**FIA**

**10:40**





# /// GENERAL INFORMATION

A 100% sand stage awaits you tomorrow. The day will start very early as you leave the Ha'il region. After a dawn departure, a refueling stop will be organized at two-thirds of the long morning liaison, along with a coffee break to warm up. Upon reaching the Qassim region, the wheels will hit the sand and will not leave it for the rest of the day. The special stage will alternate throughout the day between high speeds in the dunes and a few track sections between fast ergs. Some broken dunes are indicated in the road book. Be cautious: due to recent rains, many camps have been set up along the special stage. The risk of encountering animals will remain high throughout the day. At the end of the special stage, a second long liaison is to be expected before reaching Riyadh, ahead of a well-deserved rest day.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

- KM 0 – 38: Sandy tracks and high speed sections in L1 and L2 dunes
- KM 38 – 44: Long DZ90 on the main track through farmland
- KM 44 – 78: Sandy tracks and high-speed sections in dunes up to the Transfer
- KM 129 – 309: Alternating high-speed sections in dunes and fast sandy tracks/trails between the ergs
- KM 309 – 318: Fast tracks
- KM 318 – ASS: Rocky tracks and whoops





## **/// VIGILANCE POINTS**

- **KM 47.87:** Uphill passage between old sand-covered fences with limited visibility
- **KM 54.15:** Uphill on a raised off-track dirt section leading to a railway crossing via a bridge
- **KM 253.03:** Numerous crests in off-track sections and winding tracks through broken dunes



# /// **VARIOUS INFORMATIONS**

- Refueling after ASS.

FIM / CHG / SSV: Organization fuel – handled by orga

ULT / STK: Special fuel – handled by the crew (Japy pump)

TRK: No refueling

- Rations for Stage 7 will be distributed upon arrival at the Riyadh bivouac CH.
- Service:
  - Tomorrow's rations available for assistance crews at the tent near Catering
  - Assistance departure at 3:30 a.m. tomorrow morning
  - Upon arrival in Riyadh, drop off the safety flags for Stage 10 (dune stage) (ULT / STK / CHG / SSV) In front of the competing service located in the central aisle, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with mandatory sign-in.



Please make sure to properly label your flags with your race number.



## **/// VARIOUS INFORMATIONS**

- Please remember to fill your water tanks (motorhomes/trucks) when leaving the bivouac to head to the next one.
- Riyadh bivouac opens from 10:30 a.m.
- Assistance: The behavior of some assistance teams is becoming critical on the road. Law enforcement authorities have been alerted and will carry out road checks.







# THANKS !



DEFENDER

