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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 14**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor truck **No 623** Name: **BAHRAIN RAID XTREME**

Crew: **Josep Sabate Bernat / Pol Tibau Roura / Jordi Montaner Busquets**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc 3.34), having heard Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT, having considered the matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** During Stage 7 crew of Truck No 631 was different from the original one declared during administrative checks. Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT was onboard Truck No 631 during SS7.

**Offence:** Breach of FIA 2024 International Sporting Code, Art. 12.2.1.c, Art. 12.2.1.h and Art. 12.2.1.i.

**Decision:** **To impose a reprimand on Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT.**

**To report Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT to his ASN proposing that consideration be given to the possibility of suspending motorsport license of Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT.**

**Reason:** During the hearing, Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT admitted the fact. He stated that he was following the instructions of the Team Manager of Competitor No 631, although he was not comfortable with the situation. He tried to object to such instructions, but since he was in the subordination of the said person, he obeyed. He sincerely regrets the situation, and stated that such a mistake will never be repeated in the future.

In this case, it is clear that there are serious infringements of the regulations.

Such behavior, when, at its discretion, competitor replaces the members of the crew during an already ongoing event (motorsport competition), creates an extremely serious danger not only to the safety of the illegal crew itself, but also to all other competitors, the safety of the entire event and the safety of third parties. It is clear and understandable that no insurance contract can cover the damage caused by this unlawful act.

When evaluating such behavior of a competitor and the persons who were involved, it is important to pay attention to what a huge reputational damage such actions cause. Reputational damage not only to the event, but also to the Organiser, the FIA, Promoter, the entire WRR Championship, discipline and motorsport in general.

It is clear that such behavior is incompatible with the objectives of the FIA.

Such behavior should be subject to a severe penalty.

It should be noted that the competitor of Truck No 631 has already been punished by the Stewards decision No 10, but the persons who were involved in these illegal acts also cannot escape responsibility.

Since Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT committed the violations by obeying the instructions of the team manager of the competitor of Truck No 631 without the knowledge of the competitor of Truck No 623, the responsibility lies with the offender himself personally.

The Stewards decide to impose a reprimand on Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT and to report him to his ASN proposing that consideration be given to the possibility of suspending motorsport license of Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT.

The Stewards finally conclude that there is a breach of the Art. 12.2.1.c, Art. 12.2.1.h and Art. 12.2.1.l of the FIA 2024 ISC.

The decision is based on the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art.12.4.1.b

Mr. Josep SABATE BERNAT is reminded of his 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.

According to the Art. 12.3.3.b this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal.



**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



**Omar ZAROUR**  
FIA Steward



**Saleh ALEM**  
ASN Steward


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Competitor: **BAHRAIN RAID XTREME**

Vehicle No: 623

Crew: **Josep Sabate Bernat / Pol Tibau Roura / Jordi Montaner Busquets** Date: 17.01.2024

Time: 16.50 MARIA HELENA TARRUCELL Signature:  
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