

**BRIEFING
REFUGE MARATHON -
BISHA
14/01/2026**



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DARE.
LIVE IT.**

/// REFUGE MARATHON → BISHA



ROAD SECTION A

7

SELECTIVE SECTION

368

ROAD SECTION B

45

BIVOUAC 1ST DEPARTURE

FIM

06:45

FIA

07:15

DSS 1ST DEPARTURE

FIM

07:05

FIA

07:35



ROAD SECTION A

5

SELECTIVE SECTION

420

ROAD SECTION B

45



GENERAL INFORMATION

With a DSS located at the gates of both the FIM and FIA bivouacs, both categories will start in parallel facing the dunes. Presented as the second “sand” stage of this Dakar 2026, this 10th Stage is nevertheless very different from the previous one. The two routes remain very close to each other, but the types of dunes change rapidly from one sector to another. The first kilometers will be run through regular dunes, with a few ergs and fast plateaus off-piste, but as the competitors approach the first Neutralisation, the short, closely packed white dunes may cause some difficulties. Particular attention will be required to carefully manage fuel consumption in these soft, demanding dunes. The back-and-forth sections in the wadi crossing this area will require a great deal of vigilance, especially due to fesh-fesh-like dust. The difficulty changes as the second Neutralisation approaches. Here, the orange dunes gain height, with several passages between dark rocks on tracks and off-pistes until the 2nd neutralization.

The remainder of the route accelerates significantly on tracks alternating between fast plateaus and more winding, rockier sections. After CP1, the pace will remain very high all the way to the ASS.



VIGILANCE POINTS

- **KM 124: Presence of a camp with animals**
- **KM 148: Presence of a camp with animals.**
- **KM 319.37: WPS in the dunes. Mandatory to keep to the right between dunes and rocks.**





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VIGILANCE POINTS

- **KM 42.01: Power pole with guy wire**
- **KM 103.69: Numerous broken dunes over 2.8 km**
- **KM 167.05: Steep dune descent**
- **KM 171.38: Steep dune descent**
- **KM 218.92: Poor HP with uphill traces and barely visible downhill section**
- **KM 222.44: Sand funnel behind the summit, barely visible**
- **KM 259.33: Difficult trial section**
- **KM 400.77: Mandatory right turn to bypass a campsite**



/// **VARIOUS INFORMATIONS**

GPS code displayed on the Orga vehicle at the Refuge

- **FIM: 6:00 a.m.**
- **FIA: 6:30 a.m.**

No clock at the Refuge bivouac CH (Check GPS time)

Make sure to properly fold/pack the camping equipment

FIA: Installation of safety flags

T5.2 :

- **First departure from Refuge bivouac at 2:15 p.m.**
- **First departure DSS at 2:30 p.m. and start of transfer to Neutralisation Out 2 = Transfer Out 2 in Roadbook T5.2**
- **Transfer = 165 km → 2h15 transfer time**
- **Assistance permitted on FIA track → call Rally HQ (PC Rally)**

Neutralisation:

- **FIM: NEU.1 = 20 min / NEU.2 = 30 min**
- **FIA: NEU.1 = 30 min / 5 min / NEU.2 = 30 min / 7 min**

Opening of the Bisha bivouac: 9:00 a.m. // Please make sure to fill up with water





THANKS !



DEFENDER

