



Rallye du Maroc 2023



12th – 18th October 2023

Date: **Sunday, 15th January 2023**

Time: **15.00 hrs**

Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 7**

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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor of car **No 212 X-RAID MINI JCW TEAM**
Crew **Krzystof HOLOWCZYC / Lukasz KURZEJA**

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The Stewards, received a Report from FIA Sporting Delegate with On-Board video evidence attached, investigated the action that was shown, have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: The Co-driver of car No 212 was not wearing his seatbelts and Frontal Head Restraint in the correct way for approx. 10 sec. in the SS No 1, although the vehicle was in motion.

Offence: Breach of the article 47.1 of the 2023 FIA CCRSR

Decision: **to impose a time penalty of 1 minute in Stage 1**

Reason: The analysis of On-Board Surveillance Cameras from SS1 revealed that the co-driver of No 212 released his seatbelts before the complete stop of the car, in order to change a wheel

The Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations are very clear in article 47.1 in saying: **"Whenever a vehicle is in motion on any type of Selective Section and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III – Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened."**

The safety belts together with the Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) are major safety items to protect the crew in case an accident. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

The Stewards understand that the Co-driver's misconduct in violation of safety requirements is conditioned by the desire of the crew members to strive to save time as much as possible in order to unfasten the seatbelts as quickly as possible. However, such behaviour on the part of the crew members can in no way be justified. The pursuit of any objective cannot be justified when the basic safety requirements are violated.



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The Stewards conclude that the Co-driver's behaviour is a violation of the regulations. The Stewards further find that the Crew gained a time advantage through their non-compliant behaviour.

A time penalty that also compensates for the time advantage is necessary.

Competitors are reminded that they have the 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.

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Competitor: **X-RAID MINI JCW TEAM**

Crew: **Krzystof HOLOWCZYC / Lukasz KURZEJA**

Date: *15/10/23*

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