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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor AAKIF VIRANI of car No. 34  
Crew AAKIF VIRANI / ZAHIR SHAH

All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having been informed by the FIA Sporting Delegate that the Driver of car No. 34 failed to attend the mandatory Drivers Safety Briefing, summoned the above driver, as well as a competitor's representative at their discretion, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The Driver of car No. 34 did not attend the mandatory Drivers Safety Briefing

**Offence** Art. 12.1 of the Supplementary Regulations of Safari Rally Kenya 2026 as well as Art. 12.2.1.i of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision** 1) Fine of 500.00 € on the Driver of car No. 34 AAKIF VIRANI  
2) The Driver was requested to attend an additional session of the Drivers Safety Briefing on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11.00 hrs

**Reason** The Driver of car No. 34 did not attend the mandatory Drivers Safety Briefing scheduled on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 19.15 hrs as stipulated in Art 12.1 of the Supplementary Regulations of Safari Rally Kenya 2026.  
The Driver was then informed by the Stewards that he would have another chance to attend a separate briefing on Thursday morning 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.45 hrs.  
The driver did not attend the additional session as he arrived late.

A hearing was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 9.30 hrs in the presence of the Driver AAKIF VIRANI.

Mr. Virani apologised for his behaviour and explained to the Stewards that he had experienced some serious personal issues and was therefore busy and unavailable on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

He also stated that on Thursday morning he had encountered heavy traffic and for that reason he arrived late at the second session of the briefing.

The Drivers Safety Briefing is an important and mandatory requirement for competing in WRC events.

This briefing is for the safety of all competitors and the management of the special stages on the event.

Furthermore, as stipulated in Art. 12.2.1.i of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code: *"Failure to follow the instructions of the relevant officials for the safe and orderly conduct of the Event"* is a breach of rules.

The Stewards concluded that the Driver of car No.34 was in breach of the above regulations and that the penalty imposed is proportional to the infringement as he failed to attend the main session as well as the additional session of the mandatory Drivers Safety Briefing.

In reaching their decision, they considered that, as the above-mentioned briefing is mandatory, a new session was also organised.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

  
Edoardo Delleani  
The Stewards

  
David Domingo

  
Tuta Mionki

This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>WASIM SHAH</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>12.3.2026</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM MANAGER</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>11:45</b>

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