

Rally Dakar 2022

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Date: **Tuesday, 11th January 2022**
Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 71**

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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor of car no **201 TOYOTA GAZOO RACING**
Crew: **NASSER AL-ATTIYAH / MATHIEU BAUMEL**

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The Stewards, having seen a published video, investigated the action that was shown, have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: The crew of car # 201 was not wearing their seatbelts and Frontal Head Restraint in the correct way for approx. 1:45 minutes in the selective section no 8, although the vehicle was in motion.

Offence: Breach of the article 48.1 of the 2022 FIA CCRSR

Decision: **5 Minutes time penalty in Leg 8**

Reason: The Stewards have been made aware of a video published on social media which shows that car nr 201 had to stop on SS 8 due to a flat tyre. After the drivers changed the tyre, the drivers got back into the car and the car started immediately. The Stewards felt that the time between boarding and driving away was too short to properly fasten the crews' seatbelts. According to Art. 13.3.5 the Stewards requested the footage of the onboard surveillance camera (OBSC) from the organiser for further investigation.

The OBSC video received by Stewards shows without doubt that immediately after boarding the vehicle, the driver engaged the gear and started the vehicle. Furthermore, the video shows that the crew was busy for 1 minute 45 seconds properly fastening the seat belts. For a short time, the co-driver even held the steering wheel to give the driver the opportunity to fasten his seat belt.

The Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations are very clear in article 48.1 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.

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The stewards conclude that the crew's behaviour is a violation of the regulations. The Stewards further find that the crew gained a time advantage of 1'45" 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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Uwe M. SCHMIDT
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

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Jordi PARRO
FIA Steward

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Ahmad JAN
ASN Steward

This decision was notified via SPORTITY to the competitor representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Jean-Marc Fortin	Date	11.01.2022
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Representative	Time	20.45 hrs

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