

Rally Dakar 2022

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Date: **Monday, 3rd January 2022**

Time: **21.30 hrs**

Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 11**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: The Competitor car no **207 - TOYOTA GAZOO RACING**
Crew: **Giniel DE VILLIERS / Dennis MURPHY**

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The Stewards, having received a report and video from the FIM Jury, having heard the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Car N° 207 hit in Selective Section no 2 in a narrow passage a motorbike from behind. The rider fell from the bike and the car, after a short stop, continued without having offered any help to the rider.

Offence: Breach of Article 48.5 of the FIA Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations (CCRSR)

Decision: **5 minutes time penalty to be applied for Leg 2**

Reason: The competitor was summoned to give him the opportunity of presenting his defence. The representative, Mr. de Villiers, explained: It was a trial section with sand and rocks. I was going slowly and saw the rider standing on the left side. Since there was a rock in the sand, I was pushed towards the rider and I hit, so he fell. I went backwards with the car. As the rider stood up, and waved with his arm it was a signal for me that he was ok, and I should pass. I passed the bike and I did not want to stop again, since it was very sandy and I was afraid of getting stuck.

The Steward concluded that the crew, in proceeding as described above, did not take the necessary care and not providing any help. The CCRSR is clear in saying, that "*If a crew is involved in an accident in which a person who is not a crew member sustains physical injury, the vehicle must stop immediately, and the procedure as laid down in Article 48.4.2 must be followed.*"

Even so the rider made a gesture showing the crew to pass, it would be an obligation to the crew to stop and confirming that the rider is not physically injured. Fortunately, the rider was not injured. Being questioned by the FIM Jury the rider was not satisfied by the behaviour of the crew of car # 207.

The Stewards consider the behaviour of the crew as an infringement of the regulation and decided that the adequate penalty is a time penalty.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3 f; Art. 12.3.1, and Art. 12.4.1.h.,

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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	03.01.2022
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Representative	Time	21.40 hrs

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