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To: The Competitor of car No. 27 KARAN PATEL
Crew KARAN PATEL / TAUSEEF KHAN

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course summoned the above crew members, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts	Failure by the crew of car 27 to stop and render assistance at the accident scene of car 26 on SS3 Kedong 1
Offence	Breach of Art. 53.3.2 of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations
Decision	Reprimand and Fine of €500 on the Competitor KARAN PATEL
Reason	The Stewards examined the Clerk of the Course report, car 27 tracking data, reviewed video evidence of bystanders at the scene of the accident and heard from the driver, Karan Patel, and co-driver, Tauseef Khan, on Saturday 26 th June at 19:15 hrs.

The crew stated that they had approached the scene of the accident and had noticed a large crowd of spectators indicating the crew to drive around the scene. The crew did not see car 26 on the approach and continued to drive past at a slow pace.

Video evidence clearly shows car 27 driving (a few meters) past car 26, with no noticeable obstructions that would limit visibility of car 26. The Stewards concur that there was no SOS nor OK signs being displayed by the crew of car 26 or bystanders to car 27.

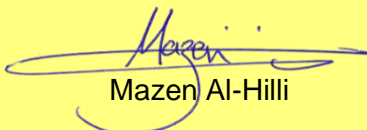
Following deliberation and based on the timeline surrounding the incident, the Stewards consider that the lack of action by the crew of car 27 is a breach of Art. 53.3.2, which explicitly mandates that a crew seeing *“a car which has suffered an accident and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance”*. Had the crew stopped they could have relayed information about the accident to event officials and rendered assistance/support to the crew of car 26.

In consideration of the mitigating circumstances of the case, the Stewards conclude that the above penalty is appropriate. However, the Stewards declare that this decision sets no future precedent. It is imperative that decisions made around the breach of Art. 53.3.2 shall be taken considering all the facts and circumstances known. All participating competitors and crew must understand the severity and sensitivity of Art. 53.3.2.

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.



Timo Rautiainen
The Stewards



Mazen Al-Hilli



John Kamau

Ref: SAFARI RALLY KENYA 2021, Stewards Decision No. 9

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

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