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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION NO. 10	Document No:	2.11

To: *The Competitor of car No. 28 AAKIF VIRANI
Crew AAKIF VIRANI / AZHAR BHATTI*

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 28 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 €1000 on the Competitor AAKIF VIRANI
Reason	The Stewards examined the Clerk of the Course report, car 28 tracking data, reviewed video evidence of bystanders at the scene of the accident and heard from the driver, Aakif Virani, and co-driver, Azhar Bhatti, on Saturday 26 th June at 19:20 hrs.

The crew stated that they had approached the scene of the accident at normal racing pace and given the nature of the terrain, they did not see car 26 as they approached the crest and launched the jump. Immediately at the landing they noticed a large crowd of spectators at the scene. The driver slowed down and drove past the accident scene. The crew saw a marshal pointing outward and considered it as an indication to pass by the scene.

Video evidence clearly shows that car 28 drove past car 26 at racing pace and there was no reaction to observe the situation at the scene nor render assistance. The Stewards concur that there was no SOS nor OK signs being displayed to car 28 by the crew of car 26 or bystanders.

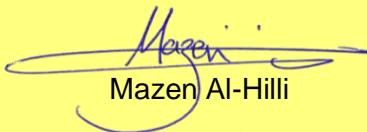
Following deliberation and based on the timeline surrounding the incident, the Stewards consider that the crew: (a) did not react or slow down to bystanders' hand gestures; (b) drove at race pace and at a speed that could have caused a collision with car 26 or the crowd; and (c) did not consider to stop when they passed the scene of the accident. 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. The actions by the crew of car 28 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*".

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. 10

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

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