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Driver news and comments from AW Rostamani Arabian Automobiles Special Stage 1

305. Yasir Hamed Seaidan / Aleksei Kuzmich (KSA / RUS)

“It was a great drive and the terrain was good with no problems. The car is running perfectly.”

302. Martin Prokop / Jan Tomanek (CZE / CZE)

“We made one mistake near the beginning and got stuck on a dune but generally felt good about the race.”

304. Jakub Przygonski / Tom Col soul (POL / BEL)

“It was a really fast stage in the dunes. I pushed hard and passed 302, 301 and 303. It was easy terrain. Some soft sand and dunes but no major issues.”

319. Thomas Bell / Patrick McMurren (UAE / UAE)

“A tough stage all round, tough terrain with the sun overhead making it hard to judge and lots of technical driving involved. No issues with the car - it ran perfectly.”

315. Vadym Prytuliak (UKR)

Crossed the finished line, both him and the buggy battered after a hard landing on the front of the vehicle after descending a steep dune. Off for checkups - him and his buggy.

327. Luke Botha / Gerhardus Schutte (ZAF / ZAF)

“A very good drive, except for the last 50km. We had to nurse the car along because of a knocking on the front drive. We needed to conserve power for the big dunes.”

208. Khalifa Al Rasse (UAE)

“A big disappointment. I was leading and then had a mechanical problem and lost so much time. It was an issue with the fuel supply.”

326. Shameer Variawa / Zaheer Bodhanya (ARE / ZAF)

“It was good but we got stuck three times. Our jack wasn't working so we had to get out and fix ourselves. Very, very soft sand.”

314. Ahmed Al Sheghawi / Laurent Lichtleuchter (KSA / FRA)

“All good apart from getting stuck in soft sand three times. Then stopped to assist a buggy driver who had an accident - helped him out of the cab. Lost a lot of time today.”

312. Adel Abdulla / Nasser Al Kuwari (QAT / QAT)

“Not a good day. The engine had a noise so we slowed down, then got a puncture and had to inflate the tyre three times. To make it worse we took the wrong route.”

306. Claude Fournier / Szymon Gospordarczyk (FRA / POL)

“A good drive, some big dunes to tackle. The buggy is going well.”

338. Andreas Borgmann (UAE)

“It was great, great straights, a good track a few places to take care. I didn't want to go too fast as I was running out of fuel but the car was perfect.”

337. Saif Al Meheiri (UAE)

“It was a really good drive. The desert was easy and the buggy is running well.