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Competitor news at the end of Nissan Special Stage 2

10. Benjamin Melot (UAE)

“It was really fast today. I had problems with the rear brake from early on and gear box problems as well. For the last 30km I was stuck in third gear. I’m happy to finish and happy to be healthy.”

6. Mohammed Al Balooshi (UAE)

“It was a really crazy stage today. I pushed really hard and didn’t give up throughout the last section. I felt there was some mix-up at the refuel with my team-mates, and I went the whole of the second part of the stage not knowing if I had enough fuel.”

14. Sultan Balooshi (UAE)

“It was a very good stage today, very hot, and I crashed early on. Alhamdulillah I finished, maybe third.”

22. Lucchese Manuel (ITA)

“I had a lot of fun today. It was definitely a tougher track than yesterday. The car tracks made it difficult but I spent time avoiding them for an easier ride.”

18. Richard Brewer (UAE)

“An awesome day today - better than yesterday. The track was a bit chopped up but plenty of desert to move around. No issue with the bike, it’s a Yamaha.”

7. Shannon O’Connor (ARE)

“Yesterday might have been fast, but today was twice as fast. It was a very bumpy ride. With the cars’ tracks and with their braking bumps it was hell on the body. But good fun!”

208. Khalifa Al Rasse (UAE)

“A fantastic run on the second stage. I really went out after some difficulty yesterday. I hope to be on the podium.”

30. Joel Certano (UAE)

“I had a really great morning but it was an exhausting track. It’s a great Dubai track in Al Qudra and I’m glad to finish - very tired.”

207. Fahad Al Musallam (KWT)

“I had a very tough run today and made a few mistakes on the track. Overall I’m happy and pleased to finish the rally.”

8. Abdulla Bin Dakhan (UAE)

“I had a good day with the bike performing well. Some short, sharp dunes in the second loop were tough. It was hotter today – that made it more tiring.”

17. Abdullah Shatti (KWT)

“The racing today was good and I had no issues with ride, I can’t complain about the track and the bike performed well throughout.”