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News from Nissan Special Stage 2

304. Jakub Przygonski / Tom Colsoul (POL / BEL)

“A really good stage. I kept pushing and pushing to stay ahead. Looks like we have stayed away and that we have won! The terrain was good, navigation was good .I’m very happy.”

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

“An exciting stage today but it was stressful, I had to constantly battle 303 to make up time against them but I’m extremely happy to come out on top and cross the line before them.”

303. Vladimir Vasilyev / Konstantin Zhiltsov (RUS / RUS)

“Today was good, very good and nothing extreme with the dunes and tracks. We really pushed hard to try and make up the two minutes on Jakub (304).”

301. Sheikh Khalid Al Qassimi / Xavier Panseri (UAE /FRA)

“Obviously disappointed with yesterday’s technical difficulty that put them us of the first stage as we were ahead, but we’ve had a great days racing today.”

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

“We had a really tough day today and a lot of mistakes were made. A later start meant it was really warm and were dealing with soft sand. It was also tough physically and the car didn’t perform as well as it should have - it was too slow.”

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

“We had a clear run, did not get stuck once by backing off on the pace. More composed today. We got a puncture 15km before the finish. So drove that distance with a flat tyre!”

315. Vadym Prytuliak (UKR)

“Lots of technical problems today - running a high temperature so drove slower than yesterday. Need to work on the vehicle for the desert challenge. Also rolled it today.”

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

“We had a fantastic run and didn’t have to get out the car once. A good flow and pace through the stage, one of the greatest 2 ½ hours of our lives.”

309. Mansoor Al Helei / Khalid Al Kendi (UAE / UAE)

“It was really hard and difficult today. Our tyres were not suited to racing - so we increased their pressure to 30, which is not good in the desert. Could not get traction and also running with a high temperature.”

320. Michel Fadel / Craig Tyson (ARE / ARE)

“Good racing today. The track was very soft which made this stage a lot tougher than yesterday. Happy with the buggy’s performance, no complaints.”

340. Yara Shalaby / Ian Greasby (EGY / EGY)

“Good, but too many dunes, some small ones which then had a big drop making it difficult. The car was good and I am pleased to finish.”

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

“Much harder than yesterday. A good drive but not as good as the previous stage.”

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

“A good day with no problems. The car is running and I’m pleased to have finished.”

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

“Racing today was okay. The first 20km we had problems in the front left of the car. It might have been some bush or twigs. I had to use 4 wheel low to make up speed early on.”

336. Hadi Al Hussain (UAE)

“Very good, amazing. I loved all of it. Thank you John Spiller (route director)

330. Graham Knight / David Watson (FRA / FRA)

“All good today. No issues or difficulties with the track. The buggy performed well.”