



WRC SAFARI RALLY KENYA



STAGE FLASH!

Date: Saturday, June 24TH

Day: 3

Flash N0: 11

Stage: SS 11 - Soysambu 2

Distance: 29.32 Km

Weather: Partly cloudy, warm, windy and humid

Road conditions: Gravel- water splash, slippery, dusty and volcanic rocks

Temperature: 19.8°C

KENYA'S PUNISHING POWER DEPLETES WRC3 FIELD

Hamza Anwar, Jason Bailey and McRae Kimathi all retired this morning.

Anwar was the first to go when his Fiesta Rally3 spluttered to a halt in a water splash near the end of Soysambu. Bailey, who had been running second in the category, hit a compression which damaged his car's oil sump, while Kimathi was ruled out by damaged steering he will rejoin the rally on Sunday 25th.

Second loop of SoySambu

CAR 11: THIERRY NEUVILLE/ MARTJIN WYDAEGHE

The conditions have changed a lot. For sure it's better but with the car in general there's no real change. We can feel that we are missing traction in the bumpy [sections]. It's quite hard and we are getting kicked around quite a lot.

CAR No 9: JOURDAN SERDERIDIS/ ANNDY MALFOY

This one was okay. Quite rough in some places but I prefer that to the morning with the wet. After the splash, no engine anymore. We stalled and then we got stuck but the engine has an issue.

CAR NO 8: OTT TÄNAK / MARTIN JÄRVEOJA

Okay, I didn't investigate too much on the stage but it looks like another tyre off somewhere. Quite a struggle.





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CAR 6: DAINIEL SORDO /CANDIDO CARRERA

I am happy with our set-up for this stage. I didn't take many risks but I enjoyed the drive at least.

CAR 4: ESAPEKKA LAPPI/JANNE FERM

He pulls over 22km into this stage with what looks to be a terminal issue.

The battle for third overall at Safari Rally Kenya was blown wide open in SS11 when Esapekka Lappi retired his Hyundai i20 N with a mechanical issue.

CAR NO 18: TAKAMOTO KASUTA / AARON JOHNSTON

Takamoto is now locked into a podium battle with team-mate Elfyn Evans.

Big shame for him, he did a really good job so I am very sorry for him. We have two rough stages to go so I don't need to be excited too much, just calm down and do my job."

CAR 33: EFLYN EVANS/ SCOTT MARTIN

Now only 2.8sec ahead of Katsuta in the fight for third place. Okay, it looks like a big fight. Let's see. It's Safari at the end of the day."

CAR 69: KALLE ROVANPERÄ / JONNE HALTTUNEN

I am not really pushing too much. I am driving my own pace with quite a level speed in my opinion. I am not pushing a lot, let's see what happens. I am just doing my own thing and trying to bring the car to the end of the day.

CAR 17: SEBASTIAN OGIER / VINCENT LANDAIS

Ogier extends his advantage to 28.5 sec over Rovannerä.

"There is a lot of branches in there and this one got stuck in there, no big drama," laughs the Frenchman.

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