



MERZOUGA RALLY – STAGE 1: MICHAEL METGE IS IN 3RD PLACE!

After a short prologue yesterday, the Merzouga Rally started on a serious note today with a 210 km of special!

Michael was the leader at the end of the prologue, he left this morning in 15th. This is an ideal starting position that allowed him to have a track in front of him. The French rider was able to take advantage of the situation! He finished in 3rd place while riding at a very good pace. This good result comes on the heels of his very good stage win at the 2019 Dakar (victory in stage 9). Michael is in great shape!

Aravind K P is in 27th place in the provisional standings. He had a small issue but he arrived with the bike in perfect condition.

Wahid Abdul finished 3rd in the provisional Enduro standings. He rode well in the Enduro class and he is showing good progress.

The mechanics were allowed to spend 2 hours with the motorcycles and then they were returned to the paddock. The special rules that are in effect here in Morocco require that the motorcycles have to race on the same tires again tomorrow! The strategy is appropriate which makes the rally all the more interesting!