

Press Release.
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Pharaons Rally Egypt: Nasser Al-Attiyah in 2nd place at halftime // Three MINI ALL4 Racing in the top five.

Munich (DE). Nasser Al-Attiyah (QT) is currently lying in 2nd place in his MINI ALL4 Racing at the Pharaons Rally Egypt. The driver of the Monster Energy X-raid team is seven minutes behind Yazeed Al-Rajhi (SA) at halftime of the famous rally in the FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies.

Al-Attiyah won two of the three stages so far, once again proving the reliability and good performance of the MINI ALL4 Racing car, who has already won three challenging events in the desert so far, including the world-famous Dakar Rally in January.

Once again, the drivers could enjoy the beautiful landscape and the scenic oasis of Egypt on the first three stages, but also had to tackle a lot of challenges. The route from El Gouna at the coast of the Red Sea to Baharia in the desert with its changing terrain and high temperatures proved to be difficult, a lot of drivers got stuck or suffered technical problems.

Vladimir Vasilyev (RU) in the second MINI ALL4 Racing is currently in 4th place. The overall leader in the World Cup finished 2nd twice on the first two stages and is currently only two minutes behind 3rd placed driver Marek Dabrowski (PL). Erik van Loon (NL) in the third MINI ALL4 Racing car is 5th at the moment.

The route of the Pharaons Rally Egypt will lead the drivers further north now to the Pyramids of Giza – a wonderful World Heritage Site and the highlight of the event. The rally will end on Sunday when the drivers head to the Egyptian capitol Cairo in the Nile valley.

Overall standings after the 3rd leg of the Pharaons Rally Egypt:

1. Al-Rajhi (SA) Toyota – 8h 30m 42s
2. Al-Attiyah (QT) MINI ALL4 Racing – 8h 38m 20s
3. Dabrowski (PL) Toyota – 9h 26m 11s
4. Vasilyev (RU) MINI ALL4 Racing – 9h 28m 37s
5. Van Loon (NL) MINI ALL4 Racing – 9h 45m 40s

MINI Driver line-up Pharaons Rally Egypt 2014.

#301 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Vladimir Vasilyev/Konstantin Zhiltsov (RU/RU)

#304 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Nasser Al-Attiyah/Mathieu Baumel (QT/FR)

#306 MINI ALL4 Racing.

X-raid Team

Erik van Loon/Rosegaar Wouter (NL/NL)

Race calendar for the FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies.

14/02 – 16/02 Baja Russia

13/03 – 16/03 Baja Italy

06/04 – 10/04 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge

20/04 – 25/04 Seeline Cross-Country Rally Qatar

18/05 – 25/05 Pharaons Rally Egypt

18/07 – 20/07 Baja Aragón

14/08 – 17/08 Baja Hungary

28/08 – 30/08 Baja Poland

03/10 – 09/10 Rally Morocco

30/10 – 02/11 Baja Portugal

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