

Media Information
Silk Way Rally 2018
25 July 2018

Silk Way Rally 2018, First Edition, Stage 5: Astrakhan to Volgograd.

- **MINI John Cooper Works Rally cars finish one-two in Stage 5 of Silk Way Rally (First Edition).**
- **Joan 'Nani' Roma and co-driver Alex Haro in a MINI John Cooper Works Rally win Stage 5 of Silk Way Rally in Russia.**
- **MINI crew of Yazeed Al Rajhi and co-driver Timo Gottschalk retain lead of 2018 Silk Way Rally (First Edition) with second place in Stage 5.**

Munich. MINI Motorsport leads the 2018 Silk Way Rally (First Edition) for the second day in succession. Yazeed Al Rajhi (KSA) and co-driver Timo Gottschalk (GER) in a MINI John Cooper Works Rally, finished today's Stage 5 in second place and extended their overall time advantage.

The winner of Stage 5 – the longest stage of seven at 552.71km total distance – was the MINI Family crew of Joan 'Nani' Roma (ESP) and co-driver Alex Haro (ESP), also in a MINI John Cooper Works Rally. Today's result is quite special for Roma after retiring from Stage 1 with injury. Despite receiving a severe time penalty, Roma and Haro's spirits were not dampened and they have pushed hard to achieve top five results and move up the leader board to 19th overall.

Roma: "The first kilometres were quite tricky and bumpy with a lot of water everywhere. I followed a buggy for some distance but eventually passed and then caught and passed Yazeed. For the next 150-200 kilometres we led the route, which was quite nice and Alex was doing a good job. It's good today to see the two MINI John Cooper Works Rally in front. I hope that Yazeed wins the race."

The next stage of the 2018 Silk Way Rally (First Edition) race is Stage 6, Volgograd to Lipetsk – a total distance of 776.78km, of which are 317.15km are the Special Stage section.

For further information on Silk Way Rally 2018 and the full rally schedule please click [here](#).

Silk Way Rally 2018: overall standings after Stage 5

	Driver	Co-driver	Type	Team	Time
1 st	Yazeed Al Rajhi (KSA)	Timo Gottschalk (GER)	MINI John Cooper Works Rally #104	X-raid Team	19:04:32
19 th	Joan ' Nani' Roma (ESP)	Alex Haro (ESP)	MINI John Cooper Works Rally #103	X-raid Team	122.23:54 (110.30:00 penalty)

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