

Media Information
Dakar Rally 2019
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Dakar Rally 2019 – Stage 06, Arequipa - San Juan de Marcona

- **Three MINI crews inside the overall top five.**
- **Carlos Sainz takes third place in Stage 6.**
- **Stéphane Peterhansel third in the general standings.**

Munich. Dakar 2019 resumed on Sunday 13th January after an official rest day, Stage 6 of 10 was an 810 km race of which 309 km were Special Stage, where competitors race against the clock. The start of Special Stage placed the competitors in the Tanaka Dunes – a difficult section of dunes that have previously shown they can end hopes of a good stage and Dakar result within kilometres of the start.

The MINI John Cooper Works Buggy of Carlos Sainz and co-driver Lucas Cruz was the highest placed MINI at stage end. In order to make up places and time, the Spanish duo pushed hard from the start and, despite three punctures along the stage, crossed the finish point in third position. Just over six minutes later, Cyril Despres (FRA) and co-driver Jean Paul Cottret (FRA) placed their MINI John Cooper Works Buggy in fourth.

The first MINI John Cooper Works Rally to complete Stage 6 was that of Joan 'Nani' Roma (ESP) and co-driver Alex Haro (ESP). They too had a difficult time in the dunes but were happy with the end result of fifth in Stage.

Stéphane Peterhansel (FRA) and co-driver David Castera (FRA) had some real bad luck just before exiting the Tanaka Dunes. They got stuck in the sand for 20 minutes after going to the aid of Roma who was already stuck deep. Pushing hard later to make up lost time, the MINI John Cooper Works Buggy crew eventually finished in sixth place.

Yazeed Al-Rajhi (KSA) and co-pilot Timo Gottschalk (GER) also did not fare well in the dunes and later the rocky trails. To complete the stage in tenth position was some consolation.

Jakub 'Kuba' Przygonski (POL) and co-driver Tom Colsoul (BEL), also in a MINI John Cooper Works Rally, didn't have the best of days in their Dakar campaign and finished the stage in 14th place. The same conditions plus an extra dose of bad luck

saw the MINI crew of Boris Garafulic (CHI) and co-driver Filipe Palmeiro (POR) credited some hours later with a stage result of 45th.

Day 7 of Dakar 2019 also saw the return of MINI John Cooper Works Rally crew Orlando Terranova (ARG) / Bernardo 'Ronnie' Graue (ARG) in the new-for-2019 Semi-Marathon – a separate race designed to allow competitors who had dropped out of the first half of Dakar 2019 to complete the event, but with no bearing on the final Dakar results. The MINI crew successfully completed Stage 6.

Stéphane Peterhansel

“The first special wasn't too bad, until I saw Nani stuck five kilometres from the finish. He didn't signal for help, but after he helped me out two days ago, I felt compelled to rush to his aid. As a result, I ended up in a sand basin and lost twenty minutes.”

Carlos Sainz

“I had to stop for three flat tyres. The tyre pressure system did not work properly. I then had to drive with a high tyre pressure, which made the day very difficult, as we had to find a suitable route.”

Nani Roma

“It was a tough day, which did not actually pan out so well, but I am still happy. We got stuck briefly in the first part. Fortunately, that only cost me five minutes – it could have been a very different story in these dunes. I think everyone had problems today.”

Next race is Stage 7, San Juan de Marcona - San Juan de Marcona. For more information about Dakar 2019, please visit the host's event home page [here](#).

Dakar Rally 2019: MINI standings after Stage 6

Pos	Driver	Co-driver	#	MINI	Team	Time
3 rd	Stéphane Peterhansel (FRA)	David Castera (FRA)	304	MINI John Cooper Works Buggy	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Team	021:42:45 +00:41:14
4 th	Joan Roma (ESP)	Alex Haro (ESP)	307	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works	021:46:55 +00:45:24

					Rally Team	
5 th	Cyril Despres (FRA)	Jean Paul Cottret (FRA)	308	MINI John Cooper Works Buggy	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Team	022:20:40 +01:19:09
6 th	Jakub Przygonski (POL)	Tom Colsoul (BEL)	303	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	Orlen X-raid Team	023:04:41 +02:03:10
8 th	Yazeed Al-Rajhi (KSA)	Timo Gottschalk (GER)	314	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Rally Team	024:13:56 +03:12:25
11 th	Carlos Sainz (ESP)	Lucas Cruz (ESP)	300	MINI John Cooper Works Buggy	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Team	026:19:32 +05:18:01
19 th	Boris Garafulic (CHI)	Filipe Palmeiro (POR)	321	MINI John Cooper Works Rally	X-raid MINI John Cooper Works Rally Team	029:21:08 +08:19:37

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