



Second stage win for MINI ALL4 Racing driver Al-Attiyah

- Al-Attiyah works his way up to third place in the overall standings

In the 10th stage, from Iquique to Antofagasta, Nasser Al-Attiyah (QAT) and Stéphane Peterhansel (FRA) once again were the only two drivers battling it out for the win, with Al-Attiyah and his Spanish co-driver Lucas Cruz in the white MINI ALL4 Racing getting the upper hand, this time, and securing their second stage win in the 2014 Dakar. Stéphane Peterhansel and Jean-Paul Cottret (FRA) in the black MINI ALL4 Racing finished second, 3:50 minutes behind the stage winners. The Spanish-French pairing Nani Roma / Michel Périn set the third fastest time and defended the first position in the overall standings – with their lead over Peterhansel amounting to just 2:15 minutes, now! Krzysztof Holowczyc (POL) / Konstantin Zhiltsov (RUS) took their red MINI ALL4 Racing to fifth position and Orlando Terranova (ARG) / Paulo Fiúza (POR), racing the orange MINI ALL4 Racing, came seventh.

By winning today's stage, Al-Attiyah worked his way up to third position in the overall standings. "This was a really good day for us," he said. "I'm really happy that we made it to third position, today – that's cool. But I'll keep on pushing, tomorrow. After all, the Dakar is far from being over."

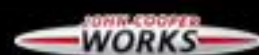
Having won yesterday's stage, Peterhansel was the first to start into today's. "Doing so in the dunes of Iquique wasn't too easy but we made it," said the Frenchman. "In the second part of the special stage, however, Nasser was able to close in on us. So I stopped for some seconds to let him pass." In the overall standings, Peterhansel's gap to his leading teammate Roma amounts to just 2:15 minutes, now. "Since Salta, things are running well for us and we are gaining several minutes every day."

For Roma, however, things didn't run that smoothly. "I had a puncture in the closing stages of part one but made it to the finish without a tyre change," he revealed. "Later I got stuck in the dunes. Unfortunately, we weren't able to contest the special stages of the past days without making mistakes. In the first week, others had problems and now it's my turn. But I will try hard to defend my lead on the final days."

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Like many others, Holowczyc had navigation problems, today. "In the early stages we passed Malysz and a Kamaz", said the Pole. "But then we began to look for a waypoint. There were at least five cars circling, there. We were the first to find the waypoint and continued right away." In the overall standings, he still holds the safe sixth place. Meanwhile, Terranova encountered a bad day, today. "We just made too many mistakes," the Argentinean angrily admitted. "No major mistakes but we again and again lost several minutes." Over the course of today's special stage, he lost about 30 minutes compared to Al-Attiyah, thus dropping back to fifth position in the overall rankings – 20 seconds behind Giniel de Villiers.

Slowly but surely, the 2014 Dakar is entering the finish straight. Tomorrow, the teams will contest the 11th of the 13 stages. On the way Antofagasta to El Salvador, the competitors will cover 749 kilometres, featuring a 605-kilometre special stage. At the beginning, the route will take the field across tracks and river beds – and then into Atacama Desert and the dunes of Copiapo. According to the organisers, the teams will need more than six hours to contest the stage!

Results 10th Stage (Iquique - Antofagasta):

1. N. Al-Attiyah (QAT) / L. Cruz (ESP) MINI ALL4 Racing – 4h 23m 35s
2. S. Peterhansel (FRA) / J.-P. Cottret (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 4h 27m 25s
3. N. Roma (ESP) / M. Périn (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 4h 37m 20s
4. G. de Villiers (ZAF) / D. von Zitzewitz (GER) Toyota – 4h 51m 50s
5. K. Holowczyc (POL) / K. Zhiltsov (RUS) MINI ALL4 Racing – 4h 54m 48s
6. V. Vasilyev (RUS) / V. Yevtyekhov (UKR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 4h 56m 57s
7. O. Terranova (ARG) / P. Fiúza (POR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 4h 57m 23s
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10. F. Villagra (ARG) / J. P. Companc (ARG) MINI ALL4 Racing – 5h 08m 41s
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13. M. Kaczmarek (POL) / F. Palmeiro (POR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 5h 16m 41s
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22. S. Schott (GER) / H. Schmidt (GER) MINI ALL4 Racing – 6h 26m 20s
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24. B. Garafulic (CHI) / G. Picard (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 6h 28m 54s
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- tba. Zhou Yong (CHN) / Hong Yu Pan (CHN) MINI ALL4 Racing

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Overall Results after 10th Stage:

1. N. Roma (ESP) / M. Périn (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 38h 52m 57s
2. S. Peterhansel (FRA) / J.-P. Cottret (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 38h 55m 12s
3. N. Al-Attiyah (QAT) / L. Cruz (ESP) MINI ALL4 Racing – 39h 38m 58s
4. G. de Villiers (ZAF) / D. von Zitzewitz (GER) Toyota – 40h 07m 13s
5. O. Terranova (ARG) / P. Fiúza (POR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 40h 07m 33s
6. K. Holowczyc (POL) / K. Zhiltsov (RUS) MINI ALL4 Racing – 42h 10m 28s
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10. M. Kaczmarski (POL) / F. Palmeiro (POR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 44h 26m 51s
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12. V. Vasilyev (RUS) / V. Yevtyekhov (UKR) MINI ALL4 Racing – 44h 59m 45s
13. B. Garafulic (CHI) / G. Picard (FRA) MINI ALL4 Racing – 45h 30m 17s
14. F. Villagra (ARG) / J. P. Companc (ARG) MINI ALL4 Racing – 46h 23m 54s
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18. S. Schott (GER) / H. Schmidt (GER) MINI ALL4 Racing – 43h 13m 14s
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