

Energylandia Rally Team crews complete the podium on Dakar Rally stage 1

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- Eryk Goczał and Oriol Mena won the stage and are the first leaders of the Challenger class
- Michał Goczał and Szymon Gospodarczyk were 2nd and Marek Goczał with Maciej Marton were 3rd.

The first stage of the Dakar Rally 2024 ran through areas that competitors in Saudi Arabia have never seen before. We are talking about extremely demanding volcanic areas. There were lots of rocks on them, which meant a high risk of punctures. The competitors had 127 kilometers of liaisons and a 414 kilometers long special stage. And you have to say it straight - the Energylandia Rally Team could not have started the Dakar Rally 2024 in a better way!

The crews of the Polish family team took the entire podium in the Challenger class! Eryk Goczał and Oriol Mena won, Michał Goczał and Szymon Gospodarczyk took second place, and Marek Goczał and Maciej Marton were third. This is an incredible and unprecedented success. And the first general classification of this year's Dakar will look exactly the same. This is a very nice beginning of the desert challenge for the Energylandia Rally Team, even despite small problems on the stage.

- The first stage of the Dakar Rally 2024 was really demanding. The organizer prepared a surprise for us, as there was probably not even a meter without stones on this stage. We were driving through volcanic areas and these stones were actually sticking out like knives, just waiting to damage our tires. And yes, unfortunately, we had a puncture. To make it worse, we had problems with changing it because the jack was broken. The stage was very demanding, but we are at the finish line and it seems like we won the stage and the team completed whole podium, so... there is nothing to complain about! – Eryk Goczał, first leader of the Dakar Rally 2024 in Challenger class said.



- We are here at the finish line of the first stage of the rally. Already at the 10th kilometer we caught the puncture, although the rocks weren't supposed to start until later. We were doing very well all the time. This is the real Dakar - very difficult and demanding from the very beginning. Of course, we had our problems, our sentinel didn't work, so we couldn't overtake. Szymon's tablet wasn't working as well. We tried to drive safe and still took second place today. This is a good start to the rally - Michał Goczał, the second driver of today's stage said.

On Sunday, during the second stage, the competitors will set off from Al Henakiyah to Al Duwadimi. This means 192 kilometers of liaisons and as many as 463 kilometers of a special section. This will be a real challenge, during which the first huge dunes will appear.

The partners of the team are: Energylandia, Energy2000, Western Camp Resort, Vitabri, Diverse and RMF FM.

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