

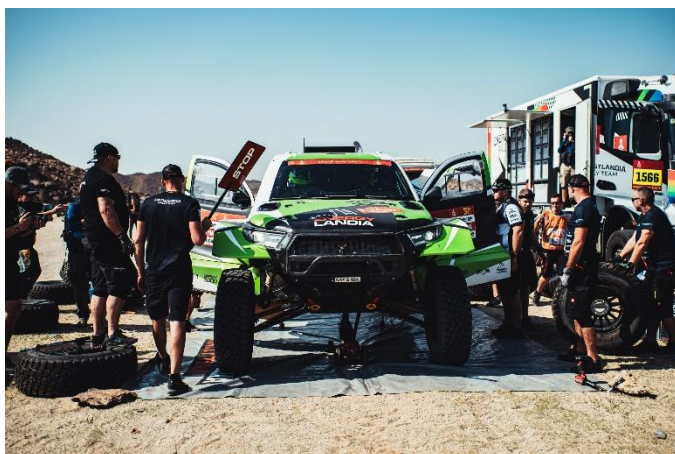
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A Solid Monday for Energylandia Rally Team at the Dakar Rally. The Polish Team is Back in the TOP10



- The Energylandia Rally Team crews reached the finish line of Stage 2 of the Dakar Rally
- Michał Goczał was the fastest Polish driver – together with Diego Ortega they finished 9th
- The first part of the stage turned into a rocky lottery with numerous punctures

Competitors taking part in the 2026 Dakar Rally have completed the second stage of the event. The



crews set off from Yanbu to Al-Ula, facing a 400-kilometre special stage along the way. As announced by the organizer, the first half of the stage was extremely rocky. One crew after another suffered punctures there, losing a significant amount of time. Although the Energylandia Rally Team crews were not spared from unfortunate punctures either, they survived this section and all reached the finish line of this extremely demanding stage.

Representatives of the Polish, family-run, private team once again achieved very strong results, competing head-to-head with factory teams. Michał Goczał and Diego Ortega finished in 9th place, just 11 seconds behind multiple Dakar Rally winner Nasser Al-Attiyah. Eryk Goczał and Szymon Gospodarczyk secured an impressive 11th position, with their time loss to the stage winners also remaining small. Marek Goczał and Maciej Marton, who sensationally finished 4th in Stage 1, lost more time today due to two punctures and a damaged shock absorber.

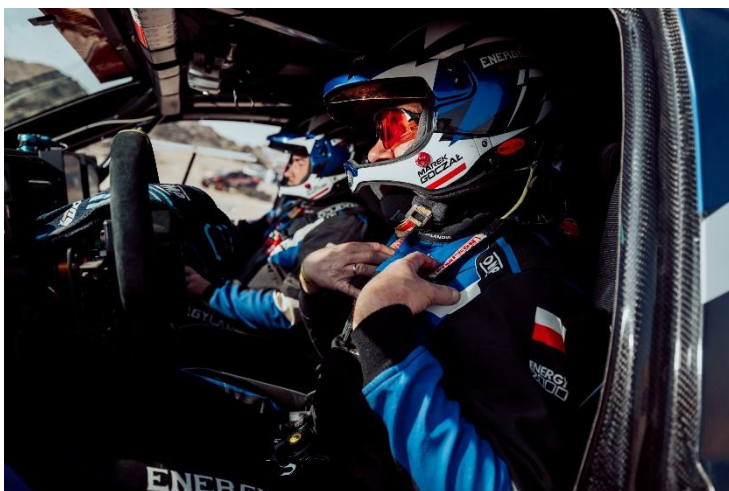
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- After yesterday's troubles, today I tried to drive a bit slower and more carefully. I think it was a very good decision, because in the section with huge rocks we had only one puncture. I consider that a success, seeing how many crews stayed there. After the pit-stop there was a lot of overtaking and we were able to race with others. Two tough Dakar stages are now behind us. Tomorrow we will have a good starting position, so we will try to maintain a solid, consistent pace - said Eryk Goczał at the finish.



- It was a long and demanding stage. We drove very carefully over the first 150 kilometres. We knew there was a difficult section with sharp rocks where it was easy to have a puncture. Even so, despite being very cautious, we still damaged one tyre. In the second part of the stage the pace was better, but driving in the dust was challenging. All in all, I believe it was another good stage for us - emphasized Szymon Gospodarczyk, Eryk's co-driver.

- We had first puncture at around kilometre 16. I then drove more cautiously until Mattias Ekström



passed us at high speed. I was convinced that if he was allowing himself such a pace, the risk of punctures must have been much lower. We pushed – and immediately punctured a second tyre. We still had over 100 kilometres to go before the pit-stop, so we had to drive very carefully. As if that wasn't enough, shortly after the pit-stop our shock absorber failed. The most important thing is that we survived this stage and

will be back in the fight tomorrow - said Marek Goczał at the finish.

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Stage 3 will take place on Tuesday. This time the competitors will face a 422-kilometre special stage, the longest of the first week of the rally. The route will form a loop around Al-Ula, with the organizer warning primarily of complicated navigation.