

STAGE FLASH

Date:	Friday, June 25 th	
Day:	1	Flash N°: 3
Special stage:	Kedong 1	Distance: 32.68 km
Weather:	Warm and dry - 16°C	
Road conditions:	Dry and dusty	

Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA

Clipped a low bank and survived a high-speed moment early in the special and then overshot a corner in the Yaris after 8.5km. Finished the stage with a left-rear damper issue and began to work on the car after the stage.

Car 33. EVANS/MARTIN

Less than 300 metres from the stage finish the front right-hand side suspension gave way and Evans was stranded. He parked up by the side of the stage to try and carry out emergency repairs and Scott Martin moved the guilty rock from the stage before his team mates arrived.

Jari-Matti LATVALA – team principal of Toyota Gazoo Racing

“At the moment we confirm that Elfyn has retired for the day. A huge rock on the right hand corner and he went a bit too wide and damaged the suspension. It was too complicated to repair it. The problem with Sébastien is the rear suspension. It appears he has lost oil from the rear damper and he may have to drive slowly on the next one.”

Car 11. NEUVILLE/WYDAEGHE

Overshot the same junction as Ogier after 8.5km and lost his early stage advantage. “Incredible, very different. I was close to roll the car in the ruts a couple of times. At the beginning I could have been faster but we need to survive.”

Car 8. TÄNAK/JÄRVEOJA

“The only target was to not damage the car. It is already very demanding. The second time will be very difficult.”

Car 69. ROVANPERÄ/HALTTUNEN

Finished the stage with choking dust coming into the car. “It was incredible stage. The conditions is so bad. There are so big ruts. At the end of the stage I had a puncture now. There is so much dust in the car, I cannot breath.”

Car 18. KATSUTA/BARRITT

“We had to check every time (warning light in the stage).”

Car 6. SORDO/ROZADA

Lost control of the i20 after 28.8km, swiped the banking and spun backwards to a standstill after damaging the car.

Car 44. GREENSMITH/PATTERSON

“Horrific. And that was the first pass. I think quite early on we broke the anti-roll bar at the back. Keep going..”

Car 16. FOURMAUX/JAMOUL

“I was careful in the rough sections. Even in the sections where we can push there are things that you cannot see and you try and avoid. A lot of things happened on this stage.”

Car 2. SOLBERG/JOHNSTON

Oliver was working on the i20 and a misaligned wheel on the road section after SS2. He was then reported to be parked one kilometre from the stage start continuing to work on the car after missing his allotted start time.