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### All favourites are in Zlín, 123 competing crews registered together!

Complete starting field with all top drivers presented in the Barum Czech Rally Zlín permanent secretariat during Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. There appeared 123 crews from 19 countries. None of the favourites is missing, many of them appeared already on Tuesday's autograph session in the shopping centre Zlaté jablko or performed the testing session near Vizovice. Jan Kopecký from the Czech Republic (Škoda Fabia R5) belongs to the biggest winning aspirants beside reigning ERC Champion and current series leader Kajetan Kajetanowicz from Poland, Russian Alexey Lukyanuk (both Ford Fiesta R5) and French Bryan Bouffier (Citroën DS3 R5).

As first there appeared Turkish crew with st. no. 24 Murat Bostanci and Onur Vatansever. **"They arrived even ten minutes prior to the secretariat opening, but gladly waited. They were nice curious,"** said Mrs. Marta Regnerová, Chief of the Barum rally secretariat. Close before the evening deadline there were presented 117 crews, during next morning there came 6 more delayed participants. **"From the original 132 entries there have excused or haven't presented 9 of them. The road books and material distribution was running smooth without any troubles,"** added Regnerová.

On Wednesday morning crews begun with reconnaissance of the special stages. At first they observed sections of Leg 2 (SS Kašava, Pindula, Maják), recce of Leg 1 stages (Březová, Košíky, Hošťálková, Semetín) is planned for Thursday. On Thursday night there will be run the recce of Super special stage in Zlín. The 46<sup>th</sup> Barum Czech Rally Zlín starts on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. and finishes on the same place on Sunday 28 August at 4:25 p.m. The actual Barum rally route is 740 km long with 15 special stages with evrall length 230 km. The rally will be opened with Quakification stage running in Pohřelice on Friday morning.

#### Excused crews not presented in the secretariat:

- 33 Renato Pita, Mário Castro (PRT, Ford Fiesta R2T, Renato Pita)
- 66 Vladimír Hanuš, Milan Timko (SVK, Mitsubishi Lancer EVO X, VH Racing Team)
- 72 Tomáš Guryča, Marek Topič (CZE, Peugeot 208 R2, Tomáš Guryča)
- 73 Marcel Svačina (CZE, Citroën C2 R2 Max, Marcel Svačina)
- 77 Zbyněk Baller, Martin Trlifaj (CZE, Citroën C2 R2 Max, Zbyněk Baller)
- 116 Jiří Lichovník, David Poplštejn (CZE, Renault Clio Sport, Minařík)
- 119 Martin Sopúch, Karin Sopúchová (CZE, Honda Civic Type-R, Martin Sopúch)
- 120 Marcel Havlásek (CZE, Renault Clio Sport, Marcel Havlásek)
- 122 Pavel Urban, Petr Svoboda (CZE, Škoda Fabia RS TDI, Královehradecký Rally Klub v AČR)

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