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It's going to be a difficult rally thinks the Clerk of Barum rally

The 48th Barum Czech Rally Zlín is for the 35th time part of FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) and also Autoklub Czech Rally Championship 2018 (MCR). Barum rally is one of the most significant rally events in the Czech Republic and Europe as well. The organisers believe they have prepared another wonderful rally.

The traditional special stage Pindula was cancelled due to the still present African Swine Fever infection. But this should not affect the quality of stages. **"Pindula is our treasure, but that's life. Even though it's not part of the itinerary, the amazing parade of rides ensures that this rally will be anything but boring. We're doing everything we can to keep the level high, to make it fun for the drivers and fans likewise,"** said Miloslav Regner, the Clerk of Barum Czech Rally Zlín. **"Every year we're trying to add something new and that isn't always easy. Luckily, we still have a support from local mayors who allow us to race in the areas surrounding their villages. We thank them very much,"** said the Clerk of the Course.

Scorching weather and dry roads marked past editions. This year it might be the exact opposite. It's going to be raining in the Zlín region which means a lot of drama on wet surface. **"Because of the weather, this rally is going to be very difficult,"** said Miloslav Regner right before the race.

One of the key partners is the Zlín region which also provides building no. 21 for the rally's Headquarters. **"Building no. 21 is a dominant part of Zlín and I'm happy that this tradition and our support continue. The rally is truly legendary and attracts many Czech and foreign fans. I wish the crews all the best and safe rally,"** said Jiří Čunek, the Governor of the Zlín region.

And the general partner whose name this rally carries is again company Continental Barum. **"We're proud that Barum rally has become a respected event and the most significant one in the Czech Republic. Our company this year celebrates 70th anniversary and I look forward to future when Barum rally will reach the same milestone. I wish the drivers good luck when choosing the tyres and to the fans an amazing time and to the organisers a smooth event"** said Ing. Libor Láznicka, Managing Director Continental Barum s.r.o.

The 48th Barum Czech Barum Czech Rally Zlín has fifteen special stages. Leg 1 on Saturday is 741.7 km long and the total length of special stages is 212.7 km. Rally begins tonight, Friday evening, in the middle of Zlín and the stage is known as Spectators` Super Special Stage.

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