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### One month to Barum Rally and we are finishing up

Only one month left to the start of the 46th Barum Czech Rally Zlín 2016. The organisers are putting finishing touches and the first car will enter rally on Friday 26th August at 4 p.m. on náměstí Míru square in front of the Town Hall. Last year's winner, the factory crew Škoda Motorsport Jan Kopecký, Pavel Dresler with Škoda Fabia R5 is to defend their title. The 34-year-old Czech champion will try his luck in scoring his fifth victory in Zlín!

A newly-coated attractive night city circuit stage starts the most significant rally championship in the Czech Republic. And this year it will pass through the bus terminal and former Svit factory in opposite direction. Due to the reconstruction of the flyover on Gahura Street, spectators will not be allowed on the bridge in the direction of housing estate Jižní Svahy. **'Because of the vast rally programme (Grand Prix Bugatti, Star Rally Historic), for Spectator's Special Stage the streets of Zlín will be closed from 5 p.m. to 0:30 a.m. On Friday 26th August, the bus terminal will be relocated to Hradská Street at 3 p.m., just like last year,'** said Ing. Pavel Konečný, Secretary of the Rally.

At Start Point, in front of the Town Hall, a new stand is prepared for spectators and it is free of charge. There will be shuttle service for faster transfer of spectators to the interesting spectators' areas of Special Stages. It will be provided for SS Semetín (Spectator's area Janišov), SS Pindula (SA Želechovice), SS Maják (SA Zlín-Maják). The spectators' arena under the local castle Malenovice (premises of company VLW) with a newly-built jump will be one of the biggest draws on the classical and legendary Special Stage Maják.

Town Otrokovice is also very involved in Barum Rally, placing Service Park in the compound of the rally general partner Continental Barum s. r. o. **'In Otrokovice, there will be a remote refuelling zone for vehicles, Star Rally Historic regrouping in the centre, and a press conference for media representatives at the headquarters of our general partner a week before the start of Barum Rally,'** said Konečný.

Cooperation with Police of the Czech Republic has been very successful. Police is carefully preparing for the upcoming Barum Rally taking into account recent tragic events in Europe.

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