

## PRESS RELEASE no. 31 Drivers chose the road order for Leg 1

The Russian driver Nikolay Gryazin (Škoda Fabia R5) is the first driver going into Saturday's Leg 1. The winner of the Qualifying Stage on Friday had the privilege to chose first. Right behind is the six-time winner of this rally Jan Kopecký (Škoda Fabia R5) and the third is the current ERC leader Alexey Lukyanuk (Ford Fiesta R5) from Russia.

The Qualifying Stage (4.71km) returned to the section Komárov - Pohořelice. The fastest one was Nikolay Gryazin from Russia, but with Latvian license, in 2:50.026 min. **"It's quite a surprise to me. We'll see about the rest of the rally,"** said Gryazin.

Jan Kopecký lost 0.047 seconds. And another youngster Fabian Kreim took the third place and beat the likes of Alexey Lukyanuk (RUS) and Dani Sordo (SPA).

Based on the results the fastest fifteen drives chose the road order for the next day. The selection took place in front of the City Hall half an hour before the Ceremonial Start.

Fabian Kreim surprised again when he did not come for the selection and lost his right to choose. His third place took Lukyanuk and all the drivers moved one position up leaving the fifteenth place for him.

### Road order for Leg 1:

1. Nikolay Gryazin – Jaroslav Fedorov (LVA/RUS, Škoda Fabia R5)
2. Jan Kopecký – Pavel Dresler (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
3. Alexey Lukyanuk – Alexey Arnautov (RUS, Ford Fiesta R5)
4. Daniel Sordo – Carlos Del Barrio (ESP, Hyundai i20 R5)
5. Norbert Herczig – Ramón Ferencz (HUN, Škoda Fabia R5)
6. Miroslav Jakeš – Petr Machů (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
7. Roman Odložilík – Martin Tureček (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5)
8. Chris Ingram – Ross Whittock (GBR, Škoda Fabia R5)
9. Václav Pech – Petr Uhel (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5)
10. Jaromír Tarabus – Daniel Trunkát (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
11. Orhan Avcioglu – Burcin Korkmaz (TUR, Škoda Fabia R5)
12. Filip Mareš – Jan Hloušek (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)
13. Rhys Yates – Elliot Edmondson (GBR, Škoda Fabia R5)
14. Bruno Magalhães – Hugo Magalhães (PRT, Škoda Fabia R5)
15. Fabian Kreim – Frank Christian (DEU, Škoda Fabia R5)

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