



STAGE FLASH

Date: Saturday, May 11th
Day: 2 **Flash N°:** 10
Special stage: Rio Lia 2 **Distance:** 20.90 km
Weather: Bright and sunny, 17°C
Road conditions: Dry with abrasive grip

Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA

“It was good. We have to push. We had a different tyre choice and a different set-up change helped us.”

Car 2. SUNINEN/SALMINEN

“It was an okay drive. It is difficult to change the driving style that much. It was like tarmac.”

Car 4. LAPPI/FERM

“It’s a bit better than the morning. The grip is quite high and it is very abrasive.”

Car 5. MEEKE/MARSHALL

Tommi Mäkinen, Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT principal, said: “They (mechanics) did incredible work. Luckily there was no major damages in critical areas like suspension. It was mainly panel damage. Unfortunately the A-pillar was damaged and it made it difficult to fix the windscreen.”

“The guys did good work to patch it up so we are okay.”

Car 8. TÄNAK/JÄRVEOJA

“I had two medium tyres and they are for the next two stages.”

Car 10. LATVALA/ANTTILA

At the midday break, Clerk of the Course Kurt Horta handed Latvala back the 12.5 seconds he had lost behind Meeke on SS7. “It was not a good stage. It felt okay but the problem was I did not have the best feeling with that stage.”

Car 19. LOEB/ELENA

“We have hard tyres now. The grip is low. I was fighting with the car. That was a good start for the afternoon.”

Car 33. EVANS/MARTIN

“There was a bit of tyre selection discussion this afternoon. We will have to see how that works.”



Car 37. BERTELLI/SCATTOLIN

“The car is fine. We are driving easy.”

Car 89. MIKKELSEN/JAEGER

“It is important that we finish but, at the same time, we are trying to step up the pace a bit.”

Car 22. ROVANPERÄ/HALTTUNEN

“Now we did some changes and changed some dampers in the service. It is much better to drive now. I think Mads will push a lot. I want to keep the gap to him and I will be happy.”