



# Valuable live tracking lessons from Arctic Rally Power Stage



BY SAMSON ATEKA

Sunday afternoon's (February 28) session of WRC Safari Rally training at Kasarani took officials through a rare tutorial on live tracking.

The team got the opportunity to view tracking of WRC Arctic Rally (Finland) Wolf Power Stage live.

This allowed the officials a chance to understand how the WRC live tracking system works, the different media angles on a power stage, the overall stage setup and the flow of processes that happen from the start TC to the end TC.

Ott Tänak sealed a dominant start-to-finish victory at Arctic Rally Finland powered by CapitalBox.

Kalle Rovanperä won the final live TV Wolf Power Stage to collect five bonus points.

The Power Stage is a special stage that usually runs as the final stage of a rally in the World Rally Championship.

Additional World Championship points are available to the top five crews through the stage regardless of where they actually finished in the rally.

In Kenya, the top three drivers on a Power Stage are awarded three, two and one point, respectively.





# Officials taken through practical tips at makeshift stage around Kasarani Stadium

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On Sunday morning (February 28), WRC Safari Rally Stage Commanders, Deputy Stage Commanders and Stage Safety Officers engaged in a hands on exercise of setting up a makeshift stage around the Kasarani Stadium.

The exercise involved the team being split up into three groups.

One group dealt with the start, another with the "stage" and another at the finish of the stage.

The predicted outcome of this exercise (of which was achieved) was to engage all SC's, DSC's and SSO's in a robust stage set-up whilst considering where all signage and boards are to be placed, managing spectator areas, safety concerns, escape routes and the overall running and setting up of a successful stage.



# Opportunity to see what a WRC car looks like at **slow speed!**

World Rally Championship cars are synonymous with speed and more speed!

But during reconnaissance of 'Kasarani Super Special Stage' on the morning of June 24 (7.30am onwards), it will be a different story.

For the first time in the history of racing in Africa, a WRC car will be used to recce a stage on Safari Rally Kenya which is slated for June 24 to 27.

Deputy Clerk of the Course Nazir Yakub took time to expound more on the rare facet that will be another first for the fabled Safari.

"On the continent, I don't think we have ever done

this - recce in rally cars.

"So, it's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see what a WRC car looks like at slow speed!

"You actually see them racing by, but now you will see them driven at recce speeds!

"Drivers will take the notes at the Kasarani SSS. So those are the notes that they will then use after the start at KICC when they come back to Kasarani to run the stage competitively.

"But in all other routes, recce will be conducted in

normal recce cars, with normal specifications... single colors, etc."

"After reconnaissance, they will transfer down the same route where we will create a cash-wash with which the WRC cars will be cleaned of dust or mud or whatever they may be and then they will proceed to the KICC.







WRC Safari Rally Deputy Clerk of the Course Nazir Yakub poses with Kenya Motor Sports Federation Chairman and CEO of WRC Safari Rally Mr Phineas Kimathi (left) during day two of officials training.



## Training goes 'Zoom' this week

BY ELIAS MAKORI

From Monday to Wednesday (March 1-3) training of Safari Rally officials will move to the Zoom platform.

The "Train the Trainer" forums will run on the said days from 18:30 to 20:30.

The training started on Saturday (February 27) for Stage Commanders, their deputies and Stage Safety Officers.

### The training schedule is as follows:

**February 27: (10:00 – 16:15):** Stage Commanders, their Deputies, and Stage Safety Officers;

**February 28: (10:00 – 16:15):** Safety Car Crew Members (am alone, pm a combined group with the SCs);

**March 1-3: (18:30 – 20:30):** Train the Trainer (via Zoom from their own homes or the office);

**March 6: (10:00 – 12:30):** Radio Marshals;

**March 6: (13:30 – 16:00):** Radio Controllers;

**March 7: (10:00 – 16:00):** Timing Marshals and Stage Commanders; Practical in the afternoon

**March 7 (10:00 – 13:30):** Rescue & Recovery, an intro (Dr Raj – face to face at KMSF offices)

**Note:** Between March 3 and April, KMSF trainers will each deliver at least one Rally Marshals Training event (either virtual or actual) using the FIA Rally Marshals module.

