



## STAGE FLASH

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
Day: 3  
Special Stage: Dhrontal 1  
Weather: 14 degrees, overcast/partly rainy  
Track: wet

Flash N°: 13  
Distance: 30,76 km

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1	LOEB, Sébastien / ELENA, Daniel	FRA/MCO	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"Of course with the rain it's quite slippery. I can take it easy though, as I'm holding a comfortable lead."			

3	LATVALA, Jari-Matti / ANTTILA, Miikka	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"Due to the airflow, the bonnet keeps opening. I am afraid it might come off completely."			

2	HIRVONEN, Mikko / LEHTINEN, Jarmo	FIN/FIN	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"The conditions are difficult due to the rain, so I didn't take any risks."			

10	ÖSTBERG, Mads / ANDERSSON, Jonas	NOR/SWE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"You can easily make mistakes in these conditions. Therefore I'm taking no big risk."			

12	ATKINSON, Chris / PRÉVOT, Stéphane	AUS/BEL	MINI John Cooper WRC
"There is sufficient space between me and Al-Attiyah. Therefore I don't need to take risks."			

7	AL ATTIAH, Nasser / BERNACCHINI, G.	QAT/ITA	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"It's very slippery, but that's the same for everyone."			

5	TANAK, Ott / SIKK, Kuldar	EST/EST	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"After yesterday's retirement, I must not take any risk today. I have to learn, to keep the car on the road, even in difficult conditions."			

37	SORDO, Daniel / DEL BARRIO, Carlos	ESP/ESP	MINI John Cooper WRC
"After my mistake yesterday I must not make another one today. So I won't be taking any risk."			



4	SOLBERG, Petter / PATTERSON, Chris	NOR/GBR	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
"I have chosen a setup for the Power Stage which is not suitable for the vineyards. But I would like to score points at the Porta Nigra today."			

51	GASSNER JR., Hermann / WICHA, Klaus	DEU/DEU	SKODA Fabia S2000
"I am angry at myself because I spun at a very slow corner."			

22	OGIER, Sébastien / INGRASSIA, Julien	FRA/FRA	SKODA Fabia S2000
"I am not taking a big risk and just want to drive the position to the finish."			

23	MIKKELSEN, Andreas / FLOENE, Ola	NOR/NOR	SKODA Fabia S2000
"A great result for VW. We need to drive sixth and seventh place to the finish and not take any risk."			

24	WIEGAND, Sepp / GOTTSCHALK, T.	DEU/DEU	SKODA Fabia S2000
"We had to stop on the stage, because the right front wishbone had broken. We fixed it provisionally on the stage to get to the finish. (lost approx. 15 min., cannot continue/retired)"			