

A penalty moves Jan Černý off the podium after winning four stages

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Although Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča have once again won a large number of special stages, those from Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport were penalized for not properly appreciating one of the new virtual chicanes implemented by the FIA. Tomorrow they will complete their fifth participation in the WRC3 category of the World Championship (WRC) in Germany.

If Friday was the brakes, Saturday was a penalty for Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča. Those of the Ford Rally3 already had in their sights the possibility of accessing the podium in the WRC category when they received the notification from the stewards. Despite this, the Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport driver has once again been the fastest of the day in four of the six special stages.

Determined to fight for a well-deserved podium, Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča began this third day of the Central European Rally by setting the best time in the first three special stages. This effort allowed them to dream of a podium that they already had within reach and that, in a certain way, they could materialize in the afternoon stages.

But at that moment the 64 seconds penalty arrived, sending them back to behind positions in the WRC3 overall. Jan and Ondřej suffered this inconvenience in one of the new virtual chicanes recently implemented by the FIA. The Ford Rally3 driver argued that the visibility of that point was not ideal, at least not as visible as could be seen in the last Rally Finland, where an arch marked the exact place.

Despite everything, Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča did not take their foot off the accelerator and in the afternoon they won another stage again, remaining just shy of fifth in the last one of the day.

“I am really very happy for the speed we have shown in today's stage”, commented the Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport driver upon arriving at the service located in Germany. After having also competed on the Austrian stages, Jan Černý added that “we are sad. The brake problems on Friday and the error in the virtual chicane have delayed us more than deserved. “It was something new for us and I expected it to be more visible, like it was in Finland, and I couldn't see it clearly”. “We could be in the fight for the podium, but that's how it

is, it's part of the game. The most important thing is that we have been fast and we must continue like this", he assured.

Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča will complete their first participation in the Central European Rally of the World Rally Championship this Sunday, where there are still four other special stages and about 55 km against the clock.

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SS15	Knaus Tabbert Am Hochwald	12,17 km	9.11 a.m.
SS16	Passauer Land	14,87 km	10:35 a.m.
SS17	Knaus Tabbert Am Hochwald	12,17 km	11:33 a.m.
SS18	Passauer Land	14,87 km	1:15 p.m.

Total: 54,08 km

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