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Jan Černý and Jan Hloušek complete the first day of the Rally Islas Canarias

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The Citroën C3 Rally2 couple faced a challenging day, a leg in which they were able to gain experience into the vehicle and its adaptation to the Hankook tires. The Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport team are currently around the Top10 in WRC2 and WRC2 Challenger. Tomorrow, Saturday, they will face the longest day of this fourth round of the World Rally Championship.

Jan Černý and Jan Hloušek completed the first six stages of the 49 Rally Islas Canarias, an event that debuted this week in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). The team of the Citroën C3 Rally2, immersed in the exciting battle between the WRC2 and WRC2 Challenger categories, have gained significant experience after these first kilometers on island territory.

In any case, it wasn't an easy day. The Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport driver admitted that they lacked speed on a day marked by sun, fog, cold in the morning, and hot in the afternoon. The Černý-Hloušek couple suffered from the only day of testing they were able to complete, a few kilometers short of understanding the compromise between the Citroën C3 Rally2 and the Hankook tires. On the other hand, a series of minor issues during Thursday's shakedown didn't help either.

Despite everything, and except for the final stage, where they practically matched their times, Jan Černý and Jan Hloušek improved their times on the rerun of the morning stages. This bodes well for the Czech driver's continued progress in his second round of the World Championship this season and, in doing so, for improving their current Top10 positions in WRC2 and WRC2 Challenger.

"We only had one day of testing, and it's not easy," acknowledged Jan Černý at the end of the first leg. "We have to understand the car and how it adapts to the Hankook tires, which we haven't tested in these conditions," emphasized the Tenerife-based driver. "We didn't have the pace today, but we have a long day ahead of us tomorrow where we can continue to improve," he emphasized upon arriving in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, from where he thanked the fans for their support: "This is like my home rally; there are many fans there, and they're giving us great support. We're very grateful."

Tomorrow, Saturday, Jan Černý and Jan Hloušek will tackle the second leg of the 49 Rally Islas Canarias. Long and technical stages, where fog and wet conditions could once again be a factor in the first stage visit. The last one will be at night with the special that enters to the Gran Canaria Arena.













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49 Rally Islas Canarias 2nd Leg

SS7 Moya-Gáldar (24,09 km), 8.05 am SS8 Arucas-Firgas-Teror (13,75 km), 9.48 am SS9 Tejeda-San Mateo (23,3 km), 10.58 am

SS10 Moya-Gáldar (24,09 km), 3.05 pm SS11 Arucas-Firgas-Teror (13,75 km), 4.48 pm SS12 Tejeda-San Mateo (23,3 km), 5.58 pm

SS13 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (1,8 km), 8.35 pm

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