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Staykov retains the attacks of the foreigner crews

Plamen Staykov and David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) managed to hold a large part of their advance in front of Orhan Avcioglu and Dan Girtofan. After the first two stages today, the difference between Staykov and Avcioglu is 34.4 seconds, while Girtofan is now 58.4 seconds away from the leader. The leader in 2wd category Miroslav Angelov (Peugeot 208 R2) retire after special stage "Tchukata", with engine problems.

Dan Girtofan started the day in style, defeating Avcioglu with two tenths and with 6.6 seconds the leader Staykov in the opening stage "Ablanovo". In the next stage, however, Girtofan had a serious problem after his car spins on high speed and only the pilot's rapid response left him on the road without any damage. By the end of the day, the Romanian will test setting for the next event in which he will participate with his navigator Tudor Marza.

The 2wd category have a new leader. This is the crew of Grigorov Racing Team Grigor Grigorov / Daniel Milenkov (Peugeot 208 R2). They took advantage of the situation after the retirement of Miroslav Angelov and lead convincingly to Anton Titov / Dinko Georgiev (Citroen DS3 R3T) and Daniel Popov / Dilyan Popov (Peugeot 208 R2). For Popov's crew the technical problems continues from yesterday, but they are confident they will reach the finish line successfully.

Standings after SS 11 "Tchukata":

1. Plamen Staykov / David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 1:26:23,2 h.
2. Orhan Avcioglu / Burcin Korkmaz (Ford Fiesta R5) + 34,4 s.
3. Dan Girtofan / Tudor Marza (Skoda Fabia R5) + 58,4 s.
4. Grigor Grigorov / Daniel Milenkov (Peugeot 208 R2) + 7:08,8 m.
5. Martin Koev / Dimo Bozukov (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) + 7:14,6 m.
6. Anton Titov / Dinko Georgiev (Citroen DS3 R3T) + 7:29,3 m.