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Plamen Staykov leads after the second day of rally "Sliven" 2017

The crew of Staykov Racing Georgia Plamen Staykov and David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) is leading after the second day of 37th rally "Sliven". Last year's winners had an advance of 39.4 seconds ahead of Turks Orhan Avcioglu and Burcin Korkmaz (TOKSPORT WRT, Ford Fiesta R5) and 53.8 seconds ahead of Romanian Dan Girtofan and Tudor Marza (CS Prorally Team Brasov, Skoda Fabia R5).

Staykov's attack started in the first special stage for second day "Mollova gora" and continued in the next "Kotel" and "Stara Reka". Thanks to his riding he managed to gain an advance of 24 seconds before the first visit to the service park. In the afternoon Staykov controlled the fight by adding another 15.4 seconds to his lead.

Despite the stage victories, Avcioglu and Girtofan failed to meet the pace of the Georgian competitor Staykov. However, the two of them made an attractive battle with each other, and the winner of the second day of rally "Sliven" was Avcioglu.

The battle for leadership positions in the Bulgarian Rally Championship has been very interesting. The winner of rally "Tvarditsa" Tihomir Stratiev started confidently the day, recording a few fastest times. In Special Stage 5 "Bulgarka", the driver from Varna made a mistake at a speed of more than 160 km / h, but managed to leave the car on the road, avoiding a serious accident. However, due to the refusal to start the engine of his Peugeot 208 R2, Stratiev and Borisov lost nearly 2 minutes and fell to the ninth place.

Miroslav Angelov and Nedyalko Sivov (Peugeot 208 R2) took advantage of this, increased the pace in the afternoon and ended the day as leaders in the national championship and fourth in the overall standings.

After Angelov is Daniel Popov (Peugeot 208 R2), but he had difficulties at the end of the day because of his car's muddy engine. After Popov finished another of the leaders in the national championship Grigor Grigorov with Peugeot 208 R2.

Outstanding impression is made by the crew Martin Koev / Dimo Bozukov (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX), who in their debut with the strong machine managed to make very strong times and at the end of the day they finished seventh in the general ranking and the fourth in Class RC 2.

In tomorrow program are four special stages with a total length of 44.48 kms. The distance is too short for serious shifts in the rankings, but the Sliven stages have always offered surprises to those who underestimate them.



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Standings after Leg 2 of rally "Sliven" 2017:

1. Plamen Staykov / David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 1:13:58,1 h.
2. Orhan Avcioglu / Burcin Korkmaz (Ford Fiesta R5) + 39,4 s.
3. Dan Girtofan / Tudor Marza (Skoda Fabia R5) + 53,8 s.
4. Miroslav Angelov / Nedyalko Sivov (Peugeot 208 R2) + 5:36,1 m.
5. Daniel Popov / Dilyan Popov (Peugeot 208 R2) + 6:12,8 m.
6. Grigor Grigorov / Daniel Milenkov (Peugeot 208 R2) + 6:26,5 m.

