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Plamen Staykov won “Mollova Gora”, Girtofan is new leader

Plamen Staykov and David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) won the first stage of second leg of rally “Sliven” 2017. The two of them were the fastest during special stage 5 “Mollova Gora”, leaving Romanian crew Girtofan /Marza (Skoda Fabia R5) with 0.8 sec. behind. The time of Girtofan was enough to outdistance the temporary leader after last night's stage Orhan Avcioglu, which was on third place in “Mollova Gora” with 5.7 sec. after Staykov.

In the general leaderboard after the second stage, the first three crews gather in only 4.2 seconds, Girtofan first, followed by Avcioglu with 1.8 sec., and Staykov third with 4.2 seconds.

The fourth fastest stage time was for Tihomir Stratiev (Peugeot 208 R2), who dropped behind with 24.7 sec., after Girtofan, but led in the Bulgarian championship leaderboard and for 2WD vehicles.

Right behind him in the temporary leaderboard are Grigor Grigorov (Peugeot 208 R2), Daniel Popov (Peugeot 208 R2) and Miroslav Angelov (Peugeot 208 R2).

In the stage Emil Denev (Megaport , Renault Clio Sport) retire, after driving few meters and stopped after the first corner. He had serious problems with the engine performance from the previous night.

Standings after SS 2 “Mollova gora”:

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| 1. Dan Girtofan / Tudor Marza | 12:19,0 m. |
| 2. Orhan Avcioglu / Burcin Korkmaz | +1,8 s. |
| 3. Plamen Staykov / David Kvaratskhelia | + 4,2 s. |
| 4. Tihomir Stratiev / Dobrin Borisov | + 36,0 s. |
| 5. Grigor Grigorov / Daniel Milenkov | + 48,6 s. |
| 6. Daniel Popov / Dilyan Popov | + 56,8 s. |