

## 2024 Dakar stage 1 – The clock starts

The 2024 Dakar Rally started with a Prologue. The short timed section was used to determine the starting order of 2024 Dakar stage 1. Those times do not count towards the overall standings, so the real race started today. The first competitive stage was an all-new, 414-km route from Al-Ula to Henakiyah.



Prologue winner Mattias Ekström clocked the fastest time at the first checkpoint. Guerlain Chicherit (Overdrive Toyota) was breathing down his neck at 11 seconds. Lucas Moraes, the top rookie in 2023, was third at 33 seconds. Moraes showed his pace in last year's event and has been signed as a works driver in the Toyota Gazoo Racing squad.

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