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## **Lotto Team: succesfull start at the Sealine Rally in Qatar**

**cross - country rally Lotto Team Poland**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Sealine Cross Country Rally of Qatar -for the Lotto team it was their second start with the Overdrive Toyota Hilux- unlike other desert races, is characterized by dynamics and speed. Pretty hard sand and small dunes can develop up speed and give full use of the engine power.

Already after the first episode of the rally (prolog and second stage), Martin Kaczmarski with his pilot Bartosz "Bobik" Boba were in top condition and finished in fifth place. However Martin Kaczmarski had to withdraw from the third stage of the race in Qatar. The night before, the driver of the Lotto Team was urgently transported to the Medical Center with severe food poisoning. For a few hours, Martin was connected to an infusion, and the doctors staff began the battle to put him back on his legs. Martin Kaczmarski, at his own request at six in the morning was taken to the start line, where he together with his pilot in their Toyota Hilux drove across the starting line so that the Lotto Team not was withdrawn from the race. Afterwards Martin returned to the Medical Center for further doctors treatment. At the last stage the Lotto Team, was back in race and took the 10th place.

The route was heavy for the first 50 kilometers "“ I felt completely broken and weakened. Driving was me difficult, I made mistakes and so we caught two flat tires. But after some time I caught the rhythm,- says Martin Kaczmarski at the finish line. Jean-Louis Schlesser won the Sealine Cross Country Rally and is leader for the World Cup, followed by Krzysztof Hołowczyc, the second at the finish line in Qatar. Next stop in the FIA World Championship the Lotto Team will visit Spain from the 19th of July

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