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#### INTRO + HIGHLIGHTS CARS

- 10"           COUNTDOWN
- 18"           OPENING CREDITS
- Do not speak.
- 8"            MAP OF STAGE 4
- Welcome to a day of high drama on Stage 4 of the Silk Way Rally
- 30"           SHOTS OF STEPHANE PETERHANSEL
- At a shade under 909 kilometres, this leg between Kostanay and Astana was the longest of this year's edition. It featured two special sections totalling 373 kilometres.
- And it quickly turned into a nightmare for Peugeot's Stephane Peterhansel, who was only 3 minutes and 15 seconds off the race lead at the start of the day.
- The 13-time winner of the Dakar Rally was only around 45 kilometres into the first special when he rolled his Peugeot... just as he did on the stage from Astana to Balkhash last year.
- 25"           **ITW STEPHANE PETERHANSEL IN FRENCH**
- "It's a remake of last year. It was the same kind of obstacle and we came in too quickly. The back of the car lifted up and caused us to flip, and when we landed the wheel rim broke, and we rolled over several times. It's the same as last year. We've lost the rally – the Silk Way doesn't seem to like us!"
- 5"            BUGGY OVERTAKING PETERHANSEL
- Don't speak.
- 20"           SHOTS OF CYRIL DESPRES
- It was also a day to forget to Peterhansel's Peugeot teammate Cyril Despres.
- The defending champion misjudged an early corner and ended up in a ditch. He had to be rescued by a Kamaz truck.
- In the end, he lost around 50 minutes, even if he holds onto second place in the overall standings.
- 9"            SHOTS OF HAN WEI

Han Wei having a rather happier time in his buggy... the Chinese driver sixth in this stage.

13" SHOTS OF CHRISTIAN LAVIEILLE

An even better day for Christian Lavieille, who came in fourth for Chinese manufacturer Baicmotor, taking advantage of the various issues affecting Peterhansel and Despres to move up to third overall.

19" **ITW CHRISTIAN LAVIEILLE IN FRENCH**

It's definitely been a good day. The first special was very quick at the beginning, there were a few tricky sections and the navigation wasn't easy. The final 60 kilometres were like an ice rink, so I took my foot off the pedal and lost a fair bit of time, because it was difficult to stop, and dangerous to go too fast."

15" SHOTS OF EUGENIO AMOS

Now Eugenio Amos has been keeping a low profile so far on this Silk Way Rally, but he's been motoring along nicely for his team, Two Wheels Drive ...

The Italian finishing an impressive third in this fourth stage to move up to 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

5" SHOTS OF HORSES

Don't speak

13" SHOTS OF YAZEED ALRAHJI

Yazeed Alrahji's chances of victory have gone out of the window, after he got stuck for two hours on Stage 2, and was later handed a two hour penalty.

But the Saudi appears to have found his mojo on the track.

He was second here.

15" SHOTS OF SEBASTIEN LOEB

But there was absolutely no stopping this man. The day's winner, in every sense of the term... Sebastien Loeb.

The 9-time WRC champion made the most of Peterhansel's problems to take a firm grip on the overall standings.

15" CARS STANDINGS STAGE 4 + OVERALL

In the end, Loeb was 22 minutes clear of Alrahji. Amos about half an hour back.

And just look at the overall standings. 1 hour, 7 minutes and 56 seconds the lead, for Loeb.

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**SLOW-MO CLIP (0'49")**

49" SLOW-MOTION SHOTS OF VEHICLES IN ACTION / BEAUTY SHOTS

Do not speak!

## HIGHLIGHTS TRUCKS

2" GRAPHIC

13" BEAUTY SHOTS + VAN DEN BRINK AT START

Over to the trucks then, where there was also no shortage of drama

17" SHOTS OF VAN DEN BRINK, FIRE IN ENGINE

Things going from bad to worse for Maarten van den Brink in his Renault.

After a puncture yesterday, a fire here in the engine!

And that was game over for the Dutchman and his team.

**504 ITW RIJK MOUW IN DUTCH**

"There was a lot of mud on the track here, it was causing us all sorts of problems. The engine started to heat up because we were going quickly. It got overheated and then broke down completely. Now we are waiting for assistance, but the rally is over for us. We're going home."

17" SHOTS OF DMITRY SOTNIKOV + ANTON SHIBULOV

The Kamaz have been steadily improving, even if they lost a little bit of time on this stage. In fact, the Russians were playing Good Samaritans.

Anton Shibulov stopping to help out Bryce Menzies, and Dmitry Sotnikov helping Cyril Despres.

13" ONBOARD SHOTS OF AIRAT MARDEEV

Defending champion Airat Mardeev also trying to get a little bit of time back. In the end, Dakar champion Eduard Nikolaev was the highest placed Kamaz, in fourth place.

14" SHOTS OF ARTUR ARDAVICIUS AND TON VAN GENUGTEN

But Team Iveco really coming to the fore in this stage.

Kazakhstan's Artur Ardavicius rolling along there with teammate Ton van Genutgen.

The Kazakh looking happy to be back on home soil, or home mud, if you will. He finished third on the day.

6" SHOTS OF GERARD DE ROOY

Meanwhile, the Iveco leader, Gerard de Rooy, was in second.

26" SHOTS OF MARTIN KOLOMY

But there was no stopping this man, Martin Kolomy.

A very controlled stage from the Czech in his Tatra, and he extends his overall lead in the trucks to 11 minutes.

**4" ITW MARTIN KOLOMY IN CZECH**

"I put the pedal to the floor and just followed the road. No stress."

15" TRUCKS STANDINGS STAGE 4 + OVERALL

So another stage win for Kolomy, only 21 seconds ahead of De Rooy. Two minutes separating the top three.

Overall, it's Kolomy ahead of De Rooy and Ardavicius. Kamaz lurking not far behind.

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**LUC ALPHAND FEATURE (3'09")**

2" GRAPHIC

5" BEAUTY SHOTS

Do not speak

15" **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN FRENCH**

"You can highlights all of the hidden waypoints, so we can check the roadbook is OK. Stephane told us to look at the river crossings, as well, and check the depth, because it's been raining for three days. We'll see if they can be crossed."

3" DON'T SPEAK

8" **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

"My name is Luc Alphand. I'm a sport advisor on the Silk Way Rally, and my task also on the race is to open the track a few hours before the competitors."

13" SHOTS OF ALPHAND ON THE ROAD

Don't speak

2" **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN FRENCH**

"Hello! Everything all right?"

17" **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

"So today our task on the track is to see if it's muddy. We have to check if it's OK or if it's not OK. In fact, it's very easy for us, so we have to say to the direction and to Frédéric (Lequien) and Vladimir Chagin if it's possible to pass or not.

17" **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

"It looks like today it's great, because the weather is much better. We can see on the ground, it's getting dryer and dryer. And we have to also check the rivers. River beds can be a problem, so we're going to kilometre 185, because there's a big river there, and we see if it's no problem to cross."

13" SHOTS OF ALPHAND DRIVING

Don't speak

19" **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH (ON TELEPHONE)**

“So, François, a little briefing. We are now at kilometre 72, and everything is perfect for the moment. It’s much drier than yesterday, and the two days before. The weather is great, and the river beds are really OK. I mean, there is some water but about 50 centimetres.”

10” SHOTS OF ALPHAND DRIVING

Don’t speak

7” **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

“So in fact we have fuel problems, you know. We have two tanks, and the filter is completely... I think we have bad fuel from the pump.”

2” DON’T SPEAK

5” **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

“We need diesel, gasoline. But only ten litres.”

9” DON’T SPEAK

20” **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

“So we decided to stop here before running out of fuel in the middle of nowhere. We stopped in this small village, and the hospitality is just incredible. They are getting fuel for us, and they don’t even want us to pay, it’s crazy. The hospitality – they are so kind, they’re really nice people.”

5” BEAUTY SHOTS + ALPHAND DRIVING AGAIN

Don’t speak

7” **ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH**

“The problem is that navigation is difficult, so it’s going to be the key today for the competitors. But for us, our task and our day is over.”

4” DON’T SPEAK

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### **POSTCARD ASTANA (0’51”)**

1” GRAPHIC

50” Welcome to Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan!

The Silk Way Rally has arrived in the country’s second-largest city, which replaced Almaty as the capital in 1997 and has flourished ever since.

A centre of commerce, communications and culture, Astana is currently hosting the World’s Fair, EXPO17, a forum dedicated to the theme of future energy.

And energy certainly isn’t in short supply in this modern, vibrant metropolis, which has brought Kazakhstan firmly into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

(Don’t speak)

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## **TOMORROW**

### **32" ITW LUC ALPHAND IN ENGLISH + MAP OF STAGE 5**

"This fifth stage on the rally from Astana to Semey is the longest special stage. So it will be a very long day. It's very hard to drive this long and to be focused on the navigation. The terrain will be ... not so much hills, very flat and fast, and the problem could be the swamp. You know, all the water we get the last few days. So we'll go round some swamps and some regions that are really wet. But the weather is going to be much drier. But the length of the stage will be the key tomorrow."

### **8" ITW SILK WAY RALLY GIRLS IN ENGLISH**

"Hello! We are the Silk Way Rally girls. Tomorrow we're waiting for you in Semey, after stage 5."

### **13" END CREDITS**

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