



RALLY GUIDE

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1 – Welcome Message

The 2021 Sharqiyah Baja, third round of the FIA BAJAS WORLD CUP 2021, will take place in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia.

It is the first time the Baja is included in the FIA World Cup schedule and follows a successful first event as part of the Saudi Toyota Desert Rally Championship back in 2019.

The Sharqiyah Baja also comes just three months after the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia hosted the final two round of 2020 FIA World Cup in Hail, as well as the second Saudi Dakar Rally which took place in January.

Khobar itself is located on the Eastern coast of Saudi Arabia and is one of the region's "Triplet Cities" along with Dammam and Dhahran. The city is one of the biggest residential and commercial hubs in the country, with many road networks to other Middle East nations passing through.

But it is the desert to the west of Khobar where all the rally action will take place and is sure to provide a thrilling 2021 Sharqiyah Baja.

We look forward to welcoming the teams and drivers and riders in March.

Good luck everyone !!!

2 – Contact Details

Organizers Contact Details (Permanent Office / Rally HQ)

Permanent Office:

Saudi Automobile and Motorcycle Federation

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Rally HQ:

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Dammam Industrial City

67 Street, Road, 2nd Industrial Area – Highway 615 Intersection Arabia Saudi

Email: saudirallies@samf.gov.sa

Web site: www.sharqiyahbaja.com

Key Officials

Organization Committee

Chairman	H.H. Prince Khaled Sultan AL FAYSAL
Members	Sattam AL HEZAMI Elie SEMAAN

Stewards

Chairman	Jordi PARRO VIDAL
FIA Steward	Arnas PALIUKENAS
ASN Steward	Ahmed JAN
Secretary to the Stewards	Sonia MARTINEZ

FIA Delegate and Observer

FIA Observer	Peter FALUVEGI
FIA Technical Delegate	Christophe VELY
FIA Technical Delegate Assistant	Cesar RODRIGUES

Senior Officials

Clerk of the Course	Manuel VIDAL
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Tba
Chief Safety Officer	Alain GROSMAN
Deputy Chief Safety Officer	Chadi ISSA
Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Amjad OBEID
Deputy Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Mohamad DAGHSTANI
Competitors Relations Officer	Tba
Chief Scrutineer	Abdelrahman GHULOOM
Service Park Manager	Hassan AL ABDALI
Results Coordinator	Tba
Secretary of the Meeting	Sonia MARTINEZ
Media Relations Officer	Neil PERKINS

Rally HQ Operational Hours

Refer to Programme.

Official Notice Board

Website: www.sharqiyahbaja.com

Sportity App: Password tbc.

Media Officer Contact Information

Media Relations Officer

Neil PERKINS

Mobile number:

tbc

e-mail:

tbc

3 – Rally Programme

Before the Rally

Thursday, January 28th		
10:00h	Opening date for entries	Website
Monday, February 22nd		
20:00h	Publication of the Rally Guide	Website
Wednesday, February 24th		
12:00h	Closing date for entries	Website
Monday, March 1st		
20:00h	Publication of entry list	Website
22:00h	Publication of Admin checks schedule	Website

During the Rally

Tuesday, March 2nd		
10:00h - 23:00h	Opening Service park	Service Park
10:00h -17:00h	Opening rally office	Rally HQ
10:00h -17:00h	Opening Media Center	Rally HQ
10:00h -17:00h	Media accreditation	Rally HQ
Wednesday , March 3rd		
08:00h – 23:00h	Opening Service park	Service Park
08:00h – 20:00h	Opening rally office	Rally HQ
08:00h – 20:00h	Opening Media Center	Media Center
08:00h – 20:00h	Administrative checks / issuing of Roadbook Qualifying Stage	Rally HQ
08:30h – 20:30h	Scrutineering	Scrutineering Area / Service Park
16:00h	Pre- Rally Press – Conference	Podium – Modon Lake
After Press Conference	Ceremonial start	

Thursday , March 4th		
06:00h – 20:00h	Opening rally office	Rally HQ
08:00h – 20:00h	Opening Media Center	Media Center
08:00h - 12:00h	Reconnaissance of Qualifying Stage (SS1)	
13:00h	1st Stewards Meeting	Rally HQ
14:00h	Publication of List of Crews Authorised to Start & Start List for Leg 1 / Section 1 (Qualifying Stage)	Rally HQ
15:03h	Start 1st Car SS1 Qualifying Stage	
15:10h*	Finish 1st Car SS1 Qualifying Stage	
18:00h	Publication of the Provisional Classification of SS1	NB / DNB
18:30h	Publication of the Final Classification of SS1	NB / DNB
19:00h	First 10 classified at the Qualifying Stage will choose starting positions for Section 2.	Rally HQ
20:00h	Publication of Start List Leg 1 / Section 2	Rally HQ
Friday, March 5th		
06:00h – 21:00h	Opening Rally office	Rally HQ
08:00h – 21:00h	Opening Media Center	Media Center
From tbc	Issuing of road book SS2	Rally HQ
08:28h	Start of Leg 1 / Section 2	Service Park Bivouac
08:48h	Start SS2	
13:10h	Finish of Leg 1	Service Park Bivouac
20:00h	Publication of Start List Leg 2	Rally HQ
Saturday, March 6th		
6:00h – 21:00h	Opening Rally office	Rally HQ
08:00h – 21:00h	Opening Media Center	Media Center
From tbc	Issuing of road book SS3	Rally HQ
07:58h	Start of leg 2	Service Park Bivouac
09:43h	Start of SS3	
13:29h	Finish Leg 2	Parc Fermé
Immediately after arrival in the finish	Final Scrutineering (following the marshals' instructions)	Scrutineering Area / Service Park
16:45h	2nd steward Meeting	Rally HQ
17:00h	Publication of Provisional Classification	NB / DNB / Sportity App
17:30h	Publication of Final Classification	NB / DNB / Sportity App
18:00h	Competitor press conference	Rally HQ
19:00h	Finish ceremony and prize giving	Podium
	Closure of the event	

* Estimated time

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4 – Service Park

Location

The Service Park will be located nearby the **MODON LAKE PARK**.

All competitors will have several recycling points along the Service Park so they are able to properly dispose of their residues.

Regulations and restrictions

The Service Park will be a Bivouac as defined by article 2.4 of the same sporting regulations.

The service regulations will be run in compliance with Articles 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55 of the 2021 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations.

Only vehicles with Team plates issued by the Organizer are allowed to access the Service Park. The vehicles must be clearly identified by designated sticker plates and affixed on the windscreen. Removal of the sticker is prohibited until the end of the rally. Only cars with competition numbers, Service or Officials' plates are allowed to enter the service park.

It is forbidden under any circumstances to drill holes in the tarmac or the ground at the Service Park. Teams and competitors are asked to bring weights for tents and others that need to be fastened.

In Accordance with Article 51.2.2 of the 2021 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations, service teams must use protecting groundsheet underneath the competing cars at all times that does not let any liquid leak through. It should be minimum of 1 meter longer and wider than the vehicle in running order.

Service teams are requested to cooperate with the Organizers in such a way that spectators observe social distancing when they are in the vicinity of their designated areas.

Speed limit in the service park is 30 km/h. In case of violation of this regulation by any vehicle/team member related to a competitor, the competitor will be penalized with 10 seconds per kph over the speed limit.

Medical care

Pramedics with an ambulance, as well as Dammam hospitals are stand-by.

5 – Two-way Radio

Not applicable.

6 – Fuel / Tyres

Fuel

- According to article 55.1.1. of 2021 FIA CCR SR the organiser has established a refuelling zone near the Bivouac and considered as an official area.

If crews use the refuelling zone after TC 6 (Start Leg 1 - Section 2) and/or TC 11 (Start Leg 2 - Section 3) the 20 minutes time allocated for refuelling is included in the scheduled time for the road section.

b) Refuelling zone is also open with the presence of fire appliance and appropriate safety measures as follows:

- On 04/03/2021 from tbc to tbc hours
- On 05/03/2021 from tbc to tbc hours
- On 06/03/2021 from tbc to tbc hours

According to article 55.1.6 of 2021 FIA CCR SR the team is responsible for the refuelling and must protect the ground with an environmental mat.

Tyres

In accordance with art 10.10.1 of the 2021 Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (V-2- FIA WORLD CUP for Cross Country BAJAS), **FIA T1 Priority drivers will be allowed to use 10 tyres.**

7 – Import of Vehicles and Spare Parts

Parties wishing to import their car(s)/vehicle(s) to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia should hold an ATA Carnet, which allows them to do so, in addition to a shipping manifest(s) that will include:

- The Vehicle(s) references;
- A detailed list of all the good and materials transported as well as their commercial value;
- Any other kind of light Vehicle onboard the Vehicle (bicycle, bike, quad, scooter, etc.).
- Others approved goods or materials.

It is imperative that the transported goods stay identical at all times throughout your stay within the Kingdom.

In all cases, the vehicle(s) original registration documents must always be available.

Nevertheless, Competing teams participating in Sharqiyah Baja 2021, pledge and agree to pay in full the Saudi Automobile & Motorcycle Federation the custom taxes dues, in addition to other charges incurred in exchange for importing their racing vehicle(s), service vans and/or trucks, spare parts, tyres, and other various materials that are itemised and disclosed on the Trip Ticket(s) and/or shipping manifest(s), as a result of not re-exporting, consuming and/or selling them within the Saudi territories.

You may request accommodation assistance from the Organizer by contacting the secretariat of the Rally:

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Ash Sharafiyah, Albaji 4627; Riyadh - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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Tel.: +966 11 880 4614
e-mail: saudirallies@samf.gov.sa
web site: www.sharqiyahbaja.com

9 – Hotels / Accommodation Reservation

List of recommended Hotels

10 – Shakedown / Possible test

Shakedown is not scheduled for Sharqiyah Baja 2021.

11 – Start Procedure

Ceremonial Start

The Ceremonial Start will take place at MODON LAKE.

Holding Area

The holding Area will be under vigilance. Access to the holding area is limited to team members and media representatives with appropriate identification.

Timetable:

According to programme.

Other:

When attending the ceremonial start, crews must wear the FIA approved overalls.

12 – Finish Procedure

At the end of the Rally, immediately after the final Time Control, there will be a Podium TV Ceremony where the first 3 classified crews must participate, and it will take place at a specific site specified in the time program. When the Podium TV Ceremony finish, the crews will be carried to the Press Room for the Final Rallye Press Conference.

The winning cars' can be driven to Parc Fermé by a team representative.

13 – PR Activities

PR Activities are not scheduled due to COVID19 precautions.

14 – Media

Media accreditation for Sharqiyah Baja shall only be attributed upon request which should reach the Organizers on February 25th, 2021 at the latest through an email sent to saudirallies@samf.gov.sa.

The email must include:

- A formal accreditation request written on the publication's official letterhead, signed by the Director of the publication / agency.
- Name(s) and function of the representative(s) who will be covering the event.
- E-mail.
- Credentials photocopies of the representative(s) who will be covering the event.

The right of the media accreditation approval is solely the Organizer's responsibility.

The media accreditation pass is issued to the applicants with their respective names and it is valid for the holder of the accreditation **ONLY**. The usage by others will result in the immediate withdrawal of the accreditation.

The misuse of the media accreditation in any form including the media card, the media tabard will result in confiscating the media accreditation and annulling it. The party concerned will also be reprimanded as a first notice.

The Organizing Committee reserves its right to issue and/or to withdraw any accreditation without prior notice.

Due to the COVID19 global pandemic, Media Accreditation shall be reduced to minimum capacity. Consequently, the Media Centre will have a reduced number of working places. **At all times, attendees shall respect social distancing norms in place, wear face masks, and are reminded to have valid PCR tests.**

Working places at the Media Centre must be reserved by agreement with the Media Relations Officers. Journalist should use the selected places until the end of the event. Journalists coming together to cover the event should inform the Press Officer of their intent to occupy joint places at the table.

All kind of media passes and car plates can be collected at the accreditation desk located at the Media Centre.

Press Conference at the end of the Event

At the end of the Finish Podium TV Ceremony, the Media Relations Officers will take the drivers to the Press Conference that takes place in the Press Room of “HQ” on a set specially fitted out that purpose.

The attendance of the summoned crews to the Final Rally Conference will be compulsory except for reasons of force majeure accepted by the Stewards of the Event.

All attendees are reminded to respect social distancing and the use of Medical Face Mask is MANDATORY.

Media coverage:

1- Radio coverage - channels and frequencies:

Reports, interviews and news about the Sharqiyah Baja and its running, before, during and after the event, will be transmitted in live programs on many radios.

2- TV coverage – channels and times:

- Live TV coverage on national T.V. of the Start, Finish, Prize Giving ceremonies in addition to round ups and flash news about the running of the Selective Sections in live mode from the Service Park.
- Daily summaries of the running of the event and interviews with drivers, organizers etc...
- Promotional spots will be broadcasted, one week prior the start of the Rally.
- Highlights about the day events will be broadcasted on the national T.V. news, sports section.

Moreover, international TV stations will be covering and broadcasting news and highlights about the Sharqiyah Baja.

15 – Passes and Plates

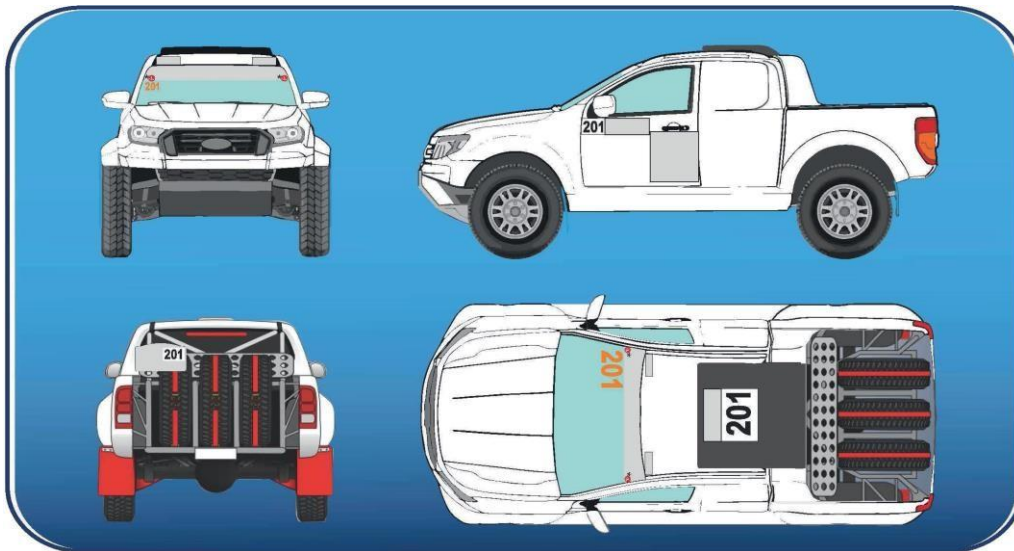
Individuals and Car Passes will be issued by the Organizers to ensure proper access into the Rally vicinity.

This year, the Organizer has excluded provisions of Guest and Auxiliary Passes which will not be permitted at this event.

Description	FIA	Officials	VIP	Organiser	Media	Media Tabard	Team	Service
FIA Parking	X							
Official's Parking		X						
VIP Parking			X					
Organiser's Parking				X				
Media Parking								
Start / Finish Podium	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Rally HQ	X	X	X	X				

Rally Control	X	X	X					
Special Stages	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Scrutineering	X	X	X				X	X
Service Park	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Media Centre	X	X	X		X	X		

The rally plates and numbers will be provided by the Organizers in compliance with Articles 19 and 20 of the 2021 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations.



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Service, as well as other passes and plates will be delivered as per the Rally program.

16 – Medical and Safety Services

1- Emergency telephone numbers:

Civil Defence	125
Paramedics	140
Fire Department	175

2- List of some hospitals with emergency department, telephone numbers:

Saudi German Hospital	Al Amanah, Dammam	+966 92 000 7997
Central Hospital	King Khaled St	+966 13 815 5777
Arrawdha General Hospital	93 Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd Road	+966 13 834 6555

3- Police telephone numbers etc.:

Police assistance	999/ 911
Fire emergency response	998
Car accidents	993
Public ambulance services	997
Natural disasters	966
Coast guard	994
General emergency	112

4- List of some pharmacies:

Al Sumou Pharmacy	3022 King Abdulaziz Rd, Al Khobar	
Nahdi Pharmacy	King Fahd Road, Al Khobar	+966 13 864 7741
Al Dawaa Pharmacy	3950 Prince Humud St, Al Khobar	

17 – List of Useful Facts and Services

1- Climate

In general, high temperatures during the day and low temperatures at night mark the climate of Saudi Arabia. The country follows the pattern of the desert climate, with the exception of the southwest, which features a semi-arid climate.

Dammam lies on 0m above sea level. Dammam's climate is a desert one. There is virtually no rainfall during year in Dammam. The average annual temperature is 26.4 °C. March is still a warm month in Dammam with average temperature ranging between max 29.2 °C and min 14.6 °C.

2- Time zone

Time zone in Saudi Arabia (GMT+3)

3- Currency

The Saudi Riyal (Arabic: riyāl sa'ūdī); is the currency of Saudi Arabia. It is abbreviated as SAR for Saudi Arabian Riyal. It is subdivided into 100 halalas.

4- Hire car companies.

EUROPCAR	King Fahad International Airport	+966 92 000 2909
BUDGET	King Fahad International Airport	+966 12 692 7070
LUMI	King Fahad International Airport	+966 92 002 8428

5- Airports and airline companies

KING FAHAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (IATA: DMM) is an airport serving Dammam.

6- Copy service

Jarir Bookstore Al Rashid Mall, Firas Ibn Al Nudur Street, Al Khobar +966 92 000 0089

7- Mobile phone (rental and service)

Are not available to hire.

There are pre-paid SIM cards available for mobile phones (available at STC, Zain, and Mobily stores or authorised dealers)

8- Security companies

Not Available.

9- Taxis

Careem and Uber services are widely used in all over the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Their apps are on all kinds of mobile operating systems.

18 – Sanitary Requirements to enter the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Extract from: <https://www.saudia.com/before-flying/travel-information/travel-requirements-by-international-stations>

1. Non-Saudi nationals holding Tourist Visas are not allowed to enter the Kingdom during COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Travelling with ID has been suspended for GCC citizens.
3. All arriving guests including the members of diplomatic missions accredited in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and their families (except Saudi citizens and children below 8 years of age) must provide negative PCR test certificate issued from a verified laboratory does not exceed (72) hours from the time the test is undertaken until departing to the kingdom, and guests who did not provide the certificate will be denied from boarding the airplane.
4. Above points not applied on countries that suspended from traveling to/from the kingdom in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as decided by the competent committee as a result of COVID-19 outbreak in these countries.
5. Temporarily suspending entry into the Kingdom for all guests coming or passed from (Argentina, United Arab Emirates, Germany, United States of America, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Pakistan, Brazil, Portugal, United Kingdom, Turkey, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Lebanon, Egypt, India, Japan) and same applies to those who are coming from other countries if they have passed through any of the aforementioned countries during (14) days preceding their entry to the Kingdom. (Except Saudi Citizens, Diplomats, Health Practitioners and their families).
6. All guests must fill out and sign Health Disclaimer Form below before arriving to KSA airports then hand it over to health control center upon arrival at airport.
7. All guests will undergo for self-quarantine as following :
 - a. All non-Saudi Citizens guests arriving from the United Kingdom, South Africa as well as from any other country being specified by the competent health authorities, in which the strain of the new Corona Virus (B.1,1,7) is spread, shall spend no less than (14) days outside the country in which the new strain of Corona Virus is spread before entering the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with a PCR examination after the expiration of this period proving that passenger is free from infection of COVID-19.
 - b. Saudi Citizens, Diplomats, Health Practitioners and their families and who are allowed to travel into the Kingdom for humanitarian and urgent cases and health practitioners arriving from above listed countries where the strain of the new Corona Virus is spread must be quarantined in their homes for a period of (14) days.
 - c. All guests arriving from countries in which cases of the strain of the new Corona Virus were registered shall be quarantined in their homes for a period of (7) days.
 - d. All guests who are arriving from the rest of other countries, the (7) days mandatory home quarantine shall be applied or (3) days at least with mandatory laboratory PCR exam.
8. All guests must download and register on Tatamman and Tawakkalna Applications.
9. Guests must assign home location Through Tatamman app within 8 hours of arrival.
10. Guests must monitor COVID-19 symptoms, and immediately call 937 if any symptoms appeared or go to primary healthcare center or emergency if necessary.
11. Guests must do daily health assessment in Tatamman app.
12. Guests must follow precautionary procedures during self-quarantine at home as stated in the Health Disclaimer Form.
13. Non-Saudi Citizens being family members of Saudi Citizens or home workers of Saudi Citizens are allowed to enter the Kingdom directly if travelling with the Saudi Citizens and without the need to spend no less than (14) days outside the country in which the new strain of Corona Virus is spread but still need to provide a negative PCR test certificate issued from a verified laboratory does not exceed (72) hours from the time the test is undertaken until departing to the kingdom.

The organizer will communicate any particular quarantine conditions to the foreign competitors because of their attendance to the event.

Due to the unpredictable evolution of Covid-19, mandatory measures or restrictions may be established, by the Saudi authorities, which may impose changes to the Rally Regulations. Any modification, as a result of the aforementioned, will be communicated to the competitors by means of a Bulletin or by Communication from the Organizer.

APPENDIX I ITINERARY

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APPENDIX II – MAPS

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APPENDIX III – ROAD BOOKS

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APPENDIX IV – DRAWINGS AND LAYOUT

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