

## Dakar 2017: IVECO and De Rooy victorious in fourth stage

*PETRONAS De Rooy IVECO Team leader Gerard de Rooy fights to the end to get his first win in this year's Dakar rally behind the wheel of his powerful #500 IVECO Powerstar.*

*Teammates Ton van Genugten and Wuf van Ginkel also perform very well, finishing 7th and 10th.*

*Federico Villagra finishes fifth, so that all four IVECO vehicles close the stage in the Top 10.*

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The world's toughest rally raid crossed the border to Bolivia, entering a third country in only four days of racing. Stage 4 proved to be very hard for the crews, as they had to cope with altitudes of more than 3,500 metres above sea level and difficult navigation through the sand dunes approaching Tupiza, where today's special ended.

After a long timed section of 416 kilometres and almost five hours, Gerard de Rooy's IVECO managed to overtake Airat Mardeev's Kamaz in the last section to secure a victory in the fourth stage of the 2017 Dakar Rally. This is a great sign that yesterday's problems in the tyre system are now resolved and the Dutchman is back in contention for the leading places. In the overall classification he has climbed back to fifth position, 14m15s behind the leader.

The iveco Trakkers did a great job and finished the stage inside the Top 10. Ton van Genugten took his #507 to 7th position, having worked hard on the road to Tupiza and gained a lot of ground in the second part.

Wuf van Ginkel, who is tasked with providing technical and mechanical assistance to his teammates in the PETRONAS De Rooy IVECO Team, finished the stage 25m32s behind the leader, in 10th place.

With today's performance, Van Genugten and Van Ginkel move up in the overall classification, Ton in 10th place and Wuf in 16th position.

Behind the wheel of the other IVECO Powerstar in the race, Federico Villagra finished in the Top 5 and moved up to second place in overall classification, as his rivals lost time in today's stage.

On Friday, the Dakar caravan will travel north to Oruro, in Bolivia, with a timed stage of 438 kilometres for Trucks.

## Stage 4 Results – Dakar 2017

<b>1. Gerard de Rooy (IVECO)</b>	<b>4h55m55s</b>
2. Airat Mardeev (Kamaz)	+30s
3. Anton Shibalov (Kamaz)	+3m07s
4. Dmitry Sotnikov (Kama)	+7m37s
<b>5. Federico Villagra (IVECO)</b>	<b>+16m37s</b>
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<b>7. Ton van Genugten (IVECO)</b>	<b>+19m40s</b>
<b>10. Wuf van Ginkel (IVECO)</b>	<b>+ 25m32s</b>

## Overall Classification – Dakar 2017

1. Dmitry Sotnikov (Kamaz)	11h12m40s	
<b>2. Federico Villagra (IVECO)</b>	<b>+1m55s</b>	
3. Eduard Nikolaev (Kamaz)	+4m40s	
4. Anton Shibalov (Kamaz)	+5m34s	
<b>5. Gerard de Rooy (IVECO)</b>	<b>+14m15s</b>	
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<b>10. Ton van Genugten (IVECO)</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>33m09s</b>
<b>16. Wuf van Ginkel (IVECO)</b>	<b>+ 1h21m23s</b>	

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