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Flying Sikh wins Rally of Indonesia

KARAMJIT Singh driving a Proton Pert Rally car became the first Malaysian to win the Rally of Indonesia in Medan yesterday.

He clocked fastest times of the day in all the 13 stages leaving Indonesian Chandra Alim trailing by four minutes and 54 seconds after the third leg.

Karamjit was full of praises for the car and the Pert team.

He did not face any major problems with the car despite sudden weather changes which made tyre choice difficult.

Team manager Abdul Razak Dawood dedicated the win to all Malaysians, especially Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamed.

The next round of the APRC will be in Canberra in early May followed by New Zealand, Malaysia and Thailand. Both the Rally of China and Rally of USA, which are also rounds of the APRC, have been cancelled.

R. Gunaseelan made it a double for Malaysia when he won the Group N2 honours for both the Asia-Zone Rally Championship (confined to two-wheel-drive cars up to 1600cc) and the Rally of Indonesia in a Proton Satria.

He finished a creditable fifth overall.

The rally, which was the first round of the APRC, was flagged off in Medan on Friday with a total of 29 entries. It covered a total of 808.39km over three legs.

Provisional results (after 3rd leg): 1 Karamjit Singh-Allen Oh (Proton Pert) 3:01:00.5, 2 Chandra Alim-Prihatin (Mitsubishi Lancer) 3:05:54.5, 3 Aga Kartiwa-Mago Sarwono (Mitsubishi Lancer) 3:11:47.9, 4 Fauzy Aldjufrie-Macfhuzi (Mitsubishi Lancer) 3:20:26.6, 5 R. Gunaseelan-Mohamed Hilmi (Proton Satria) 3:29:49.5.

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