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EcoFuel World Tour reaches Africa's gas boomtown

1. Money-saving gas fuel a standard also in Africa
2. Supply of gas for VW Caddy EcoFuel ensured
3. Guinness record trial on track

After one and a half week and 10,000 kilometres of his round the world trip, Rainer Zietlow has reached the first important destination. The first legs through Germany and the Middle East took the 36-year old adventurer to Egyptian capital Cairo – a boomtown for gas-powered vehicles.

Egypt: Eldorado for gas-powered vehicles

Despite living in close reach of the gigantic Arabian oil wells, many Egyptians prefer natural gas over conventional petrol and diesel fuel. One main reason for them, of course, is prices – one litre of premium gasoline costs 19 Euro cent, while natural gas is available at only a third of one Euro cent per kilogramme. Zietlow's VW Caddy has a consumption of just seven to eight kilogrammes per 100 kilometres.

With gas prices like these, it's no surprise Egypt ranks among the world's top ten countries regarding the use of gas-powered vehicles. 65.500 passenger cars and light commercial vehicles are registered; they are supplied with fuel by 100 filling stations – making Egypt an Eldorado for gas-powered vehicles. Next year, the 100,000th gas car will be on the road.

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With his visit, adventurer Rainer Zietlow also wants to contribute to a broader use of natural gas as an alternative fuel: At the congress of the International Association of Natural Gas Vehicles he will give an account of his experiences with the gas-powered VW Caddy during the first legs of his record trip.

Full potential tapped

So far, Zietlow has had no problems with gas supply and he is in line with his fuel costs plan, having spent only 500 Euros so far. A vehicle powered by a comparable gasoline engine would have used petrol worth of 1,100 Euros for the same distance.

Next stations of the record trip

After participating in the natural gas congress in Cairo, Zietlow and his team are going to transit Iran and into the United Arab Emirates. They plan to return to Germany in mid-April. By then, they will have wrapped up a Guinness world record: a trip through five continents and most of their countries in a gas-powered vehicle.

More information about the route, adventures and drivers as well as pictures and videos are available online: www.ecofuel-world-tour.de

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