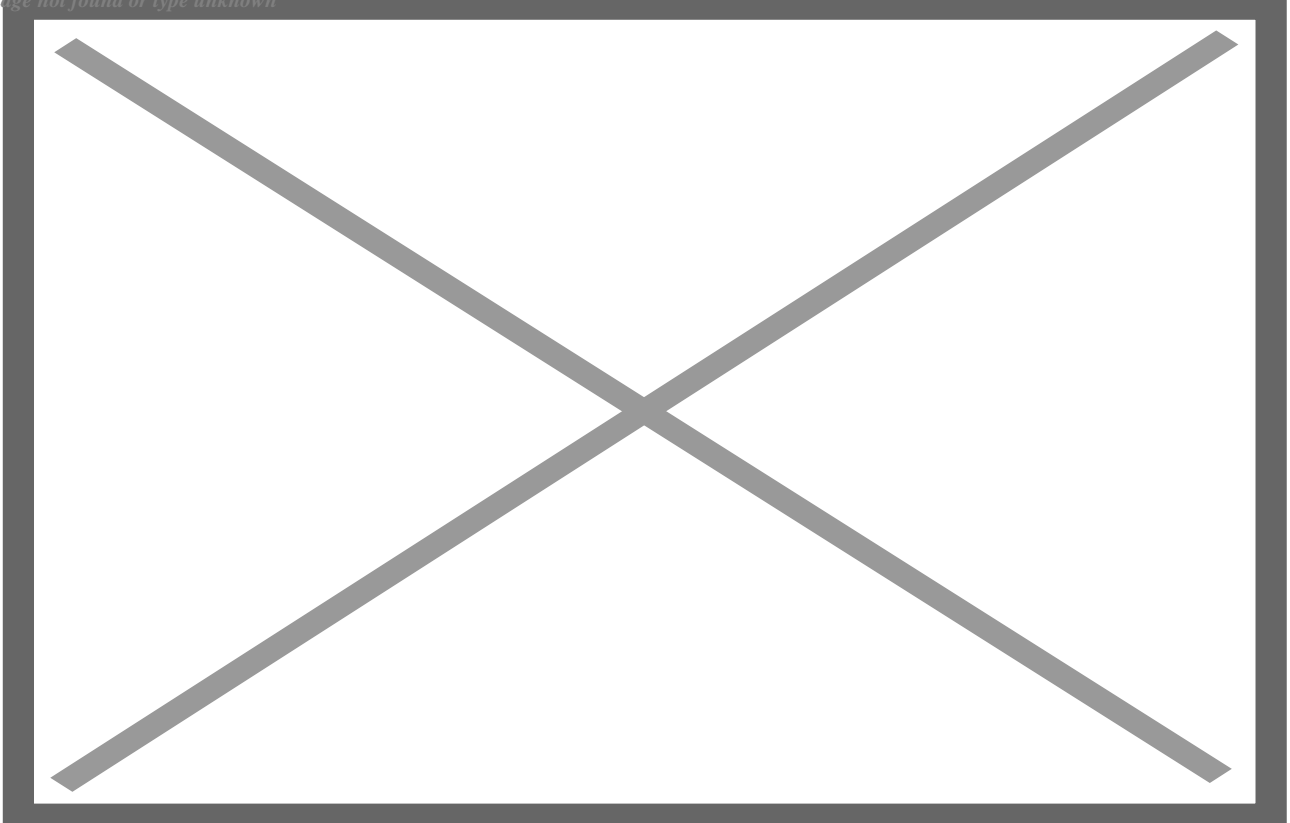


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Havana, July 2 (RHC)-- Cuban Arlenis Sierra crossed the finish line of the third stage of the Giro d'Italia Donne on Saturday in the mass finish of the first 26 cyclists, led after 113.4 kilometers from Cala Gonone to Olbia by Dutch Marianne Vos, multiple Olympic and world champion in track, road and cyclo-cross.

In addition to Sierra's 15th place, Movistar Team's Danish rider Emma Noorsgard once again stood out in seventh place, while the world's best road racer in recent years, Dutch Olympic and world champion Annemiek van Vleuten, finished in 21st place, all in the leading group, with the same official time as the winner.

The Dutch rider was followed by Team Jumbo-Visma's Charlotte Kool (Team DSM) and Italian world champion Elisa Balsamo (Trek-Segafredo), according to the official results of the International Cycling Union.

Proyclingstat, a website specialized in road cycling statistics, indicates that the Cuban rider improved three places in the general classification of the Giro and is in 18th place, 31 seconds behind Balsamo, who accumulates 5:33:12 hours after three days.

Movistar Team management noted on its Facebook page, "We drew without problems the first three days of the #GiroDonne22 in Sardinia. Annemiek van Vleuten and her five teammates - there was only a small crash for Paula Patiño on Friday, with some bumps and bruises - are already looking ahead to the first day of mid-mountains on Monday in Cesena. Before that, on Sunday, transfer to the mainland".

The "Danish rocket", Norsgaard, fought his chances in the sprint in the fast sections on the island of Sardinia, then he will have two other routes with that characteristic on the Italian peninsula, where on Monday will restart the 10-stage competition, to complete 1,004 kilometers.

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