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## The Colombian Esteban Chaves, new leader of the Spanish Vuelta

### He won the 2nd stage

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**USPA NEWS** - The Colombian of Orica Greenedge Esteban Chaves is the new leader of the Vuelta of Spain after winning the second stage over 158.7 kilometers between Alhaurin de la Torre, in the province of Malaga, and the Caminito del Rey, in the province of Granada.

The stage was uneventful until, in the absence of 33 kilometers to go, there was a massive drop that broke the peloton and affected mainly racer of the IAM Cycling team David Tanner, who was evacuated to hospital. At that time, six riders escaped marched though the platoon had begun its hunt. The favorites escaped the fall, but the Italian Vincenzo Nibali, who, however, managed to link up with the large group. An investigation later confirmed that the transalpine corridor had risen clinging to his team car, allowing him rejoin the group. That action was prompted expelled from the Vuelta.

The stage, with the first unpublished end of the 70th edition of the Vuelta, ended up with stretches of up to 12% rise. And in those hills it is where the Colombian Nairo Quintana, Movistar, wanted to try his luck. Quintana managed to open a gap. British Chris Froome, Sky, failed to respond to the Colombian attack and others like Spanish Alejandro Valverde, Quintana partner in Movistar, or Nibali own showed no interest in starting a chase that could physically harm ahead of the coming sessions.

Were other riders who responded to the attack of Quintana and, between them, another Colombian, Esteban Chaves, of Orica Greenedge, took victory in a struggle to the Irishman Nicholas Roche, Team Sky. A second entered the Dutch Tom Dumoulin, Giant-Alpecin; nine seconds, Nicholas Roche, Sky; 14 seconds, the Irish also Daniel Martin, Giant-Alpecin, and 26 seconds the Spanish Joaquin Rodriguez of Katusha. The stage winner on the tour invested 3:57:25.

Esteban Chaves is the new leader of the Vuelta. Tom Dumoulin and Nicholas Roche, second and third, 5 and 15 seconds, respectively, completed the podium stage. Monday's third stage, between Mijas and Malaga, about 158.4 km route will be played. The race heads towards the west to end in the capital of the Sun Coast. The race enters its first full week.

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