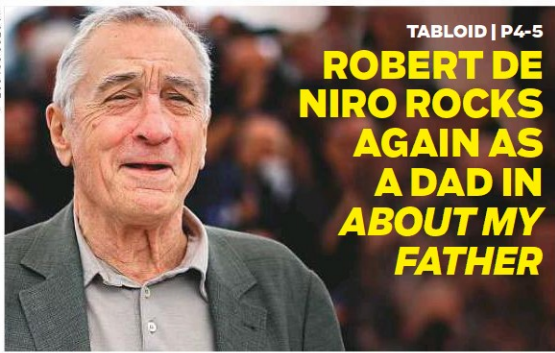


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## UAE astronaut's longest Arab mission crosses halfway mark

Al Neyadi's achievements aboard ISS signifies a historic milestone for nation

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Charting a new course for Arab space exploration, UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi stands as the longest-serving Arab astronaut, having spent over three months aboard the International Space Station (ISS). This journey signifies a historic milestone for the UAE, as Al Neyadi has navigated through a series of firsts, setting a list of unprecedented achievements.

Salem Humaid Al Marri, Director General, Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), said: "Congratulations to Sultan Al Neyadi as he completes half of his six-month mission on the ISS. The dedication, resilience and strength Sultan has demonstrated in consistently achieving one milestone after another truly reflect the calibre of astronauts we cultivate here in the UAE."

Al Marri added: "[Al Neyadi] represents the core values of the MBRSC by consistently focusing on knowledge-building initiatives for the next generation and appreciate his commitment towards the community and student outreach. As we look forward to the next three months, we are confident his journey will continue to make us proud and inspire future explorations."

Adnan Al Rais, Mission Manager, UAE Astronaut Programme, said: "Congratulating Sultan Al Neyadi for completing an im-



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pactful three months aboard the ISS. Sultan's dedication to science has seen him make remarkable strides during this period. With another three months ahead, we are eagerly waiting for more groundbreaking research projects. UAE Space Sector, keep moving forward. Paving the way for the future of UAE's space sector, this mission serves as a pow-

erful catalyst, fuelling our drive towards unprecedented advancements in space exploration."

As part of his mission, Al Neyadi ventured out of the ISS and completed his spacewalk.

With the conclusion of the mission task on April 28, the UAE commemorates Al Neyadi as the first Arab to undertake a spacewalk during Expedition 69, currently under way on the ISS.

Four live calls and three HAM radio calls with astronaut Al Neyadi gave students and the community insights into the longest Arab space mission in history.

Al Neyadi has devoted an impressive 585 hours to conducting various ground-breaking experiments and nominal tasks aboard the International Space Station.



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