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Al Neyadi completes 4 months in space, welcomes questions

Use #Ask_Sultan to get answers from the astronaut via MBRSC's Twitter handle

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UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi, who is on the longest Arab space mission on the International Space Station (ISS), completed four months in space on Monday.

Dubbed the Sultan of Space, Al Neyadi had blasted off into space on Nasa SpaceX Crew-6 Dragon from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on March 2 and reached the ISS on March 3.

The 42-year-old Emirati astronaut marked the completion of four months out of his six-month mission in space with a special social media post in which he invited his followers to pose questions about space.

"4 months into my mission and I'm still discovering new experiences in space," Al Neyadi said in a Twitter post.

"What more would you like to know about life here?" he asked his more-than 113,000 followers on Twitter.

"Leave your questions with #Ask_Sultan and I'll try to answer as many as possible. Follow @MBRSpaceCentre as I will be sharing my answers there," he added.

MBRSC, the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre, is the agency behind the UAE Astronaut Programme that sent Al Neyadi on the UAE's second



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astronaut mission to the space titled "Zayed Ambition 2."

New video

In a video attached to the post, Al Neyadi can be seen floating into the frame with a somersault inside the micro-gravity laboratory orbiting the Earth every 90 minutes around 420km above our planet at around 28,000km/hour.

"Greetings from the International Space Station. Space is amazing and living here is not like what we are used to on Earth. Ask me a question and I'll try to answer it in a simple, scientific way so we can all learn something new. Looking

forward to hearing from you," he said in the video. The social media interaction is a new way of Al Neyadi to share his experiences with people back on Earth. He has been regularly communicating with leaders, officials, students and other community members across the UAE through live video calls and ham radio sessions organised by the MBRSC through its initiative called "A Call from Space."



Watch Al Neyadi's new video on his completion of four months in space.