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New dawn: Al Neyadi snaps a captivating view of UAE

Fujairah Crown Prince, residents to talk to astronaut in 'A Call from Space'

FUJAIRAH
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People marking the Hijri New Year yesterday received a special gift from UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi, who is on the longest space mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

In his special Hijri New Year wish, Al Neyadi shared a stunning view of a brightly-lit UAE from the ISS taken at the break of dawn on the horizon at the Earth's curvature.

"As the Hijri New Year begins, I'm reminded that every moment is the dawn of a new beginning, an opportunity for growth and exploration. Wishing all of you a year filled with blessings, happiness and discovery!", he said in the social media post.

Astronauts witness 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets in 24

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hours as the ISS rotates Earth every 90 minutes. Al Neyadi has been capturing magnificent views of our planet while flying aboard the microgravity laboratory at a speed of around 28,000km per hour around 400km above Earth.

'Fujairah calling'

Meanwhile, the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), the agency behind the UAE Astronaut Programme that sent Al Neyadi to the ISS, revealed that the next edition of its event "A Call from Space" will be held in Fujairah.

Shaikh Mohammad Bin Hamad Bin Mohammad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah will attend the event slated for July 25.



Dubai Airshow to focus on space

November 13-17 event to feature the biggest space pavilion to date

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The themes of space economy and exploration will take centre stage at this year's Dubai Airshow, organisers announced yesterday.

Set to take place from November 13-17 at the Dubai Airshow site, Dubai World Central (DWC), the event will feature the biggest space pavilion to date and provide a platform for companies and investors who are keen to see and learn about the latest space technologies as well.

The decision to focus on space comes after the Dubai Airshow

Dh3 trillion
business generated by Dubai Airshow since its inception

and the UAE Space Agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the 2021 Airshow. Ibrahim Al Qasim, Deputy Director General of the UAE Space Agency, said, "The UAE has made great strides in building national capabilities in earth observation, training astronauts, sending missions to the moon and soon to the asteroid belt. The most critical component in the next five to ten years will be building major private sector capabilities.

We're looking to facilitate enormous opportunities for startups to be established in the UAE, and there's no better platform to do this than at the Dubai Airshow. In its 18th cycle lifespan, the show has generated upward of Dh3 trillion in business."

Technology Innovation Institute (TII), a scientific research centre and applied research pillar of Abu Dhabi's Advanced Technology Research Council (ATRC), will be making its Dubai Airshow debut and is the host sponsor for this year's Aerospace 2050 stage, which will cover everything from driving sustainable aviation operations to space exploration and future workforce.

In partnership with the UAE Space Agency, Dubai Airshow 2023 will also host a dedicated two-day conference programme.