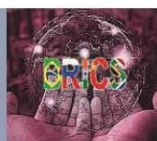


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Watch live Al Neyadi's return from space

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Splashdown

The live coverage will start at 3pm tomorrow and at 8.30am the day after. The scheduled splashdown is no earlier than 8.58am on Sunday. According to the US space agency Nasa, the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft hatch closing with Crew-6 aboard is expected to take place around 3.20pm GST tomorrow.

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Having conducted over 200 scientific experiments, the first-ever Arab spacewalk and after spending over 1,000 hours of space operations, Al Neyadi is returning from International Space Station (ISS) after six months.

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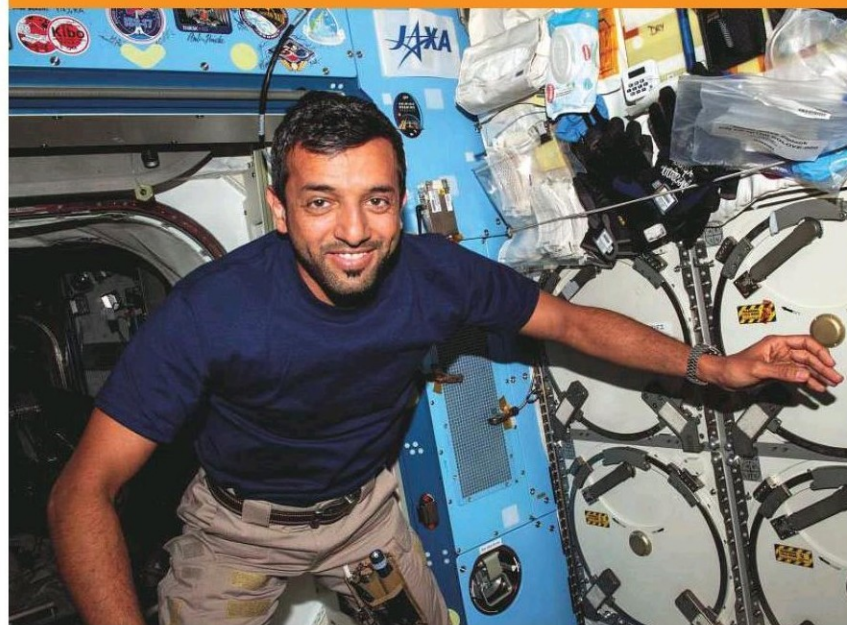
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All eyes on hurricane Idalia

Florida has been hit by hurricane Idalia which made landfall Wednesday morning as a powerful category 3 hurricane over Keaton Beach located along Florida's Gulf Coast. Idalia weakened to a tropical storm Wednesday evening as it

Stage set for Sultan of Space's return

MBRSC TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF SPLASHDOWN, NASA MONITORS WEATHER IN HURRICANE-HIT FLORIDA



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dumped heavy rain, unleashed strong winds and knocked out power in parts of southern Georgia and the Carolinas, just hours after pummeling Florida's west coast and inundating communities there with floodwater, international media reported.

According to Nasa, teams are monitoring weather forecasts

across seven potential splashdown sites off the coast of Florida and any impacts the hurricane may have on the recovery operations of the arriving astronauts.

The agency said it will share more information on Crew-6 return as it becomes available.

Currently, Al Neyadi is among 11 crew members from five countries living and work-

ing together on the orbital outpost after the Crew-7 joined the Crew-6 on August 27.

In the latest picture released by Nasa, Al Neyadi posed with US astronaut Frank Rubio for a portrait during a pizza night aboard the ISS. Yesterday, he also shared a video of how he found a new family out of this world.

LIVE COVERAGE

- **Sep. 2:** Undocking from the International Space Station. Live coverage from 3pm UAE time onwards. Undocking scheduled at 5.05pm.
- **Sep. 3:** Return to Earth. Live coverage starts at 8.30am. Scheduled splashdown no earlier than 8.58am.

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experiments conducted by Al Neyadi aboard ISS

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When and where to watch Al Neyadi's trip back to Earth

"We began the mission as cremates, but now we're brothers. Over the last 6 months, I gained a new family — with whom I shared expertise, traditions, and cultures, and experienced beautiful and challenging moments while creating unforgettable memories together," Al Neyadi posted on X, formerly known as Twitter.