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Al Neyadi's Arabic name on Crew-6 mission patch

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The name of Emirati astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi written in Arabic is emblazoned on the patch of the SpaceX Crew Dragon Mission 6 (Crew-6) that will fly to the International Space Station (ISS) in February 2023, the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) revealed on Thursday.

Aside from Al Neyadi, the names of the other crew members — commander Stephen Bowen, pilot William Hoburg, and Russian cosmonaut Andrey Fedyayev — are also printed in the logo. Both Bowen's and Hoburg's names are written in English while Fedyayev name is typed in Russian script.

The mission patch has a dominant blue colour with the Roman numeral six, and pictures of the ISS, Space X rocket, stars, Mars, the Moon, and a dragon ship.

Long-term mission

In a tweet, Al Neyadi shared the patch's description: "Sailing across the Crew 6 patch, the ship represents both our destination, the ISS, and the vessels that countless explorers have steered into the unknown," he said.

Al Neyadi is set to become the first Arab astronaut to go on a long-term space mission, conducting scientific experiments aboard the ISS for six months. He is the second Emirati astronaut to go to space, following Hazzaa Al Mansoori's eight-day stay on the ISS in 2019.