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Sultan of Space dons Emirati attire for Eid

AL NEYADI SHARES GREETINGS WITH SUHAIL FOR COMPANY

CHARMING SIGHT

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Two months after his iconic kandoura appearance on the International Space Station (ISS) to extend Eid Al Fitr greetings, UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi struck gold yet again.

Yesterday, he donned the traditional Emirati attire once more — this time to convey his joyous wishes for Eid Al Adha.

In his latest video shared on social media, Al Neyadi, who is on the longest Arab mission on the ISS, headed to the Cupola observatory of the space station in a flowing white kandoura, complete with a matching ghutra, to convey his Eid greetings.

For company, he had “little astronaut” Suhail, the beloved mascot of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC). The microgravity environment revealed itself as the stuffed toy, adorned in a miniature kandoura, gracefully ascended towards the Cupola’s window, offering a whimsical representation of life aboard ISS.

Against the backdrop of Earth, adorned in a blanket of white clouds, Al Neyadi



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■ Sultan Al Neyadi, holding MBRSC mascot Suhail, extends Eid Al Adha greetings from the space station’s cupola yesterday.

emerged from the scene, capturing Suhail in his grasp. With a warm smile, he greeted everyone with the traditional salutation, “Assalamu alaikum”. Eid prayer resonated in the background as he eloquently conveyed his heartfelt Eid wishes in Arabic.

Eid prayer resonated in the background as Al Neyadi extended Eid wishes from ISS



Watch: UAE astronaut conveys his heartfelt Eid wishes in Arabic