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Homecoming of Al Neyadi slated for Sept 18

The Sultan of Space to receive a hero's welcome in the UAE

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It is official! The historic homecoming of the Sultan of Space, UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi, after the longest Arab space mission, has been set for September 18.

"After astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi carried Zayed's Ambition to space, it is now time for his homecoming. Stay tuned for his return to the UAE on 18 September, following the completion of the longest Arab space mission in history," the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) announced on

Al Neyadi blasted off to space on March 3 and spent 186 days in space, completing first long-duration spaceflight mission to be undertaken by an Arab.

microblogging platform X on Thursday.

History made

The 42-year-old Emirati, who blasted off to space on March 3, spent 186 days in space to complete the first long-duration human spaceflight mission to be undertaken by an Arab aboard the International

Space Station (ISS). He scripted history for the second time when he became the first Arab to conduct a spacewalk, an Extravehicular Activity (EVA), in the vacuum of outer space outside the ISS on April 28.

Al Neyadi and his Nasa SpaceX Crew-6 crewmates returned to Earth on September 4. He is undergoing post-space travel recovery in Houston, US.

Grand reception

A grand reception is planned for the Sultan of Space, according to Salem Humaid Al Marri, the Director General of MBRSC.

After the celebrations to mark his historic achievements which include over 200 scientific experiments in space, Al Neyadi will return to the US, Al Rais confirmed.

Al Mansoori trains for lunar missions

He underwent training alongside Nasa's Sunita Williams

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Hazza Al Mansoori, the UAE's first-ever astronaut to go to space, is now back in action, training for a bigger mission in human spaceflight.

The Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) in Dubai shared images of Al Mansoori's SEATEST-6 training, which prepares him for lunar missions, including spacewalks.

Famous company

This training, involving lunar surface simulations and payload transfers, took place alongside renowned astronauts like Nasa's Jonny Kim and Sunita Williams, as well as Ca-



■ Hazza Al Mansoori (second left), who is training for a bigger mission in human spaceflight, alongside his Nasa colleagues.

nadian astronaut Jenni Sidey-Gibbons.

UAE's strides

Al Mansoori's participation in this training represents not only a significant milestone in his own space journey but also

a testament to the UAE's commitment to human space exploration. Emirati astronauts Mohammad Al Mulla and Nora Al Matrooshi, part of the second batch, also recently underwent training, including geological mapping for lunar surfaces.