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Al Neyadi arrives in Florida for ISS mission

Emirati astronaut set to take off on Space X spacecraft this Sunday

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mirati astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi arrived ■ in Florida last night for the UAE's Mission 2, the first long-duration Arab astronaut mission on board the International Space Station (ISS).

Al Nevadi is slated to take off on a SpaceX spacecraft, Crew-6 Dragon (Dragon Endeavour), for a six-month mission aboard ISS on February 26 from Launch Complex (LC) 39A at Nasa's Kennedy Space Centre (KSC) in Florida.

Al Nevadi and the three other crew members of Crew-6 Dragon have been on a mandatory two-week quarantine period that began at



Sultan Al Neyadi

the Astronaut Quarantine Facility at Nasa's Johnson Space Centre on February 12.

Live coverage

The Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), which has launched a social media video contest to wish luck to Al Nevadi, yesterday tweeted a link to Nasa's live coverage of the arrival of Al Neyadi and colleagues at KSC from 9.30pm. Earlier on Sunday night, SpaceX announced that the Crew-6 Dragon had arrived at LC-39A.