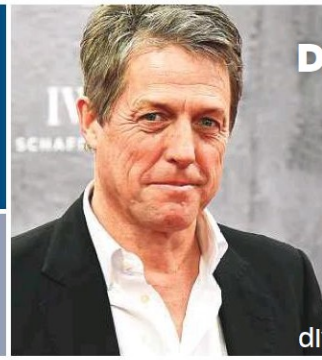




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Gulf News Report

The Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) has announced the launch of 'A Call With Space,' an exclusive event featuring Emirati astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi, which will be held across the UAE. As part of the roadshow, the public will have the opportunity to interact live with Sultan, who is currently on the In-

ternational Space Station (ISS) undertaking the longest Arab space mission in history.

'A Call with Space' will take place at various venues across all seven emirates of the UAE. The first event is scheduled to be held at the prestigious Dubai Opera on March 21 at 2.30pm, with doors opening from 2pm onwards. Due to limited seating, interested individuals are advised to book their place by visiting the Dubai Opera website.

The event promises to be an unforgettable experience for aspiring astronauts, space enthusiasts, and those interested in learning about ISS and space.

Salem Humaid Al Marri, Director General of MBRSC, said: "This initiative is a powerful testament to MBRSC's unwavering commitment to making space accessible for all. By sharing Sultan's journey into space, we aim to inspire not only the next generation of space enthusiasts but also the wider community. We hope to ignite a lifelong passion for space exploration and foster a culture of curiosity, innovation, and exploration in the UAE. We aim to encourage young minds to dream big and pursue their ambitions in the realm of space and beyond."

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Senior Reporter

UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi has added new chapters in his historic space mission by working on an ultra cold lab freezer and a compact gas analyser aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

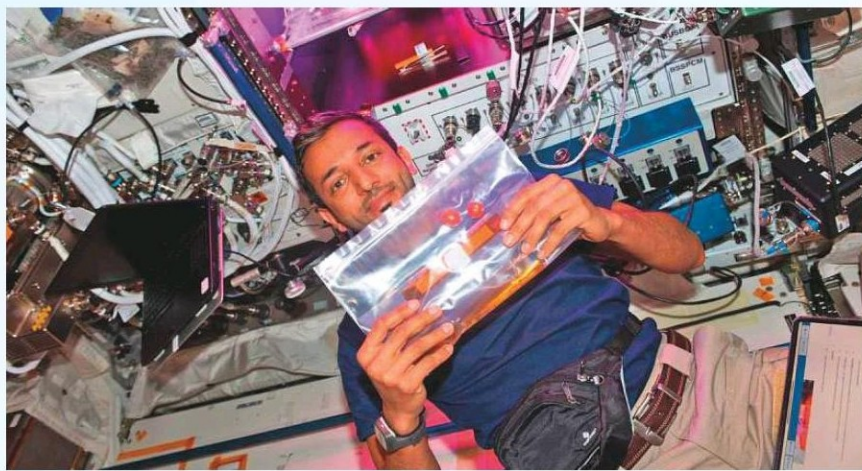
According to a Nasa update, the Expedition 68 crew, including Al Neyadi's SpaceX Crew-6, focused on cargo operations, science experiments, and maintenance tasks after a SpaceX Commercial Resupply Service Dragon docked to the ISS at 7.31am EDT (4.31pm in the UAE) on Thursday.

The SpaceX CRS-27 Dragon successfully docked to the forward-facing port of the station's Harmony module, delivering more than 6,200 pounds of research hardware, and supplies.

The scientific experiments and technology demonstrations carried by the uncrewed Dragon spacecraft examine how the heart changes in space, test a student-designed camera mount, compare surfaces that control biofilm formation, and more.

After the Dragon docked into ISS, Al Neyadi along with Nasa Flight Engineers Frank Rubio, Stephen Bowen and Woody Hoburg spent time unloading cargo from the spacecraft, Nasa said. "Al Neyadi and Rubio were specifically tasked with unpacking double-cold bags for transporting samples into the station's Minus Eighty-Degree Laboratory Freezer for ISS (Melfi)."

The Melfi is a cold storage unit that maintains experiment samples at ultra-cold tempera-



Al Neyadi has been keeping all his fans in the UAE posted about his experiments and tasks on ISS.



FRUITS, CHEESE TO KEEP CREW GOING

Nasa also revealed the new food consignment delivered by the commercial resupply mission.

"This particular flight is carrying blueberries, apples, cherry tomatoes and four kinds of cheese: sharp cheddar, Asiago, Parmesan, and a cow's milk cheese rubbed with espresso," Nasa said in a tweet.

"All the makings of a space charcuterie board?" it added in another tweet.

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tures throughout a mission. Melfi supports a wide range of life science experiments by preserving biological samples (such as blood, saliva, urine, microbial or plant samples) collected aboard ISS for later return and analysis back on Earth, according to Nasa.

Nasa said Al Neyadi also replaced components in the station's bathroom, also known as



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the Waste and Hygiene Compartment, before performing a functionality test. He later retrieved an air sample from inside Dragon for analysis with the Analyzing

Interferometer for Ambient Air-2 (Anita-2) device.

Anita-2 is a compact gas analyser which can analyse and quantify 33 trace contaminants in the atmosphere aboard the ISS automatically. Anita-2 can also detect the presence of unknown substances which can be evaluated later on the ground.

Results are provided to the ground at least once per day.