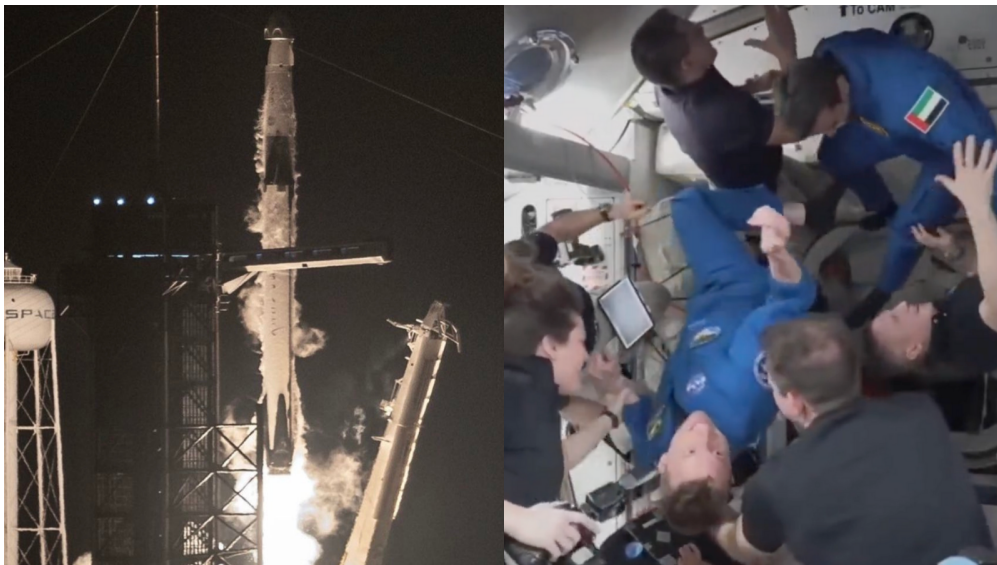




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UAE Astronaut Begins History-Making Mission Onboard the ISS



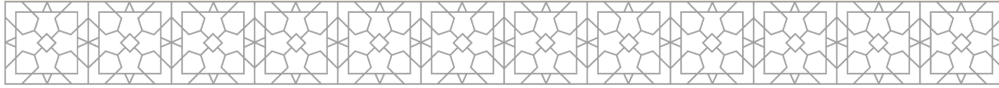
UAE astronaut [Sultan AlNeyadi](#) reached the International Space Station (ISS) today, and will spend the next six months onboard the orbital laboratory, conducting new scientific research.

He is part of SpaceX's Crew-6 mission for NASA along with three other international crew members, including two NASA astronauts. A day after launching from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the spacecraft successfully docked with the ISS early on Friday, March 3, 2023.

This is the longest Arab space mission in history and the UAE's second mission to the ISS, marking another significant milestone in the UAE's [ambitious space program](#).

In the last two years, the UAE became the first Arab country to reach Mars and is already well on its way to the Moon. The UAE's Rashid Rover is expected to make its landing on the lunar surface in April 2023.

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