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Maktoum made Deputy PM for Financial and Economic Affairs

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The UAE announced a cabinet reshuffle on Saturday, marking a new phase in the leadership and administration of the country.

The reshuffle was announced by His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on his official X account.

Leading the reshuffle, Shaikh Maktoum Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum was appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs, overseeing this critical sector in the Federal Government.

Minister of Youth

Another notable appointment was that of Sultan Al Neyadi as the Minister of State for Youth in the UAE. "Some time ago, we invited nominations for the position of Minister of Youth in the UAE. We were inundated with nominations, and one name consistently stood out among the Emirati youth. This exceptional individual has been appointed as the new Minister of Youth," Shaikh Mohammad wrote.

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MULTINATIONAL VENTURE WILL SEE FIRST EMIRATI AND ARAB ASTRONAUT ON MOON MISSION

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The UAE will send the first Emirati and Arab astronaut into the lunar orbit as part of a new space project announced yesterday.

The UAE yesterday confirmed its participation in developing a module on Nasa's Lunar Gateway Station alongside the USA, Japan, Canada and the European Union. President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, attended the launch of the UAE's contributions to the historic Lunar Gateway. The Lunar Gateway will serve as humanity's first space station around the Moon.

The UAE President said during the event, which was held at Qasr Al Watan in Abu Dhabi, "The UAE's participation in this international project reflects our commitment to promoting partnerships with the world that contribute to the advancement of knowledge and progress for humanity."

Man's return to the Moon

Meanwhile, Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid said that as part of the nation's contribution, the UAE will develop a complete



Courtesy: Dubai Media Office

■ Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum during the launch of the UAE's contributions to the historic Lunar Gateway project yesterday.

unit weighing 10 tonnes for the station. He added: "The lunar space station signifies humanity's return to the Moon and serves as a vital platform for launching missions to Mars." He noted that the work on this project will commence immediately, aligning with one of the most significant space ambitions of the coming decade.

Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of Dubai Executive Council, congratulated the UAE's leadership, people, and the Arab world on UAE's joining of the development of the Gateway Lunar Space Station.

"This project stands out as one of the most significant

international endeavours in space exploration in the 21st century. As an integral part of this project, the first Emirati and Arab astronaut will journey to the Moon upon the project's completion in 2030," Shaikh Hamdan said.

International collaboration
Additionally, Nasa Admin-

istrator Bill Nelson said: "Today, we announced the UAE's Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre will provide the Crew and Science Airlock for Nasa Gateway, humanity's first space station that will orbit the Moon. This is an exciting moment for international collaboration in the cosmos and the future of human space exploration."

GATEWAY TO MOON



The Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) will be responsible for designing, developing, and operating the Emirates Airlock, which is the access point between the Gateway Lunar Space Station's pressurised cabin and the vacuum of space. Pictured is an artist's concept of the Gateway.



Get full coverage of the historic launch of the Lunar Gateway project



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Gulf News picks up gold at global awards

Bags 'Best Digital Subscription Initiative 2023'

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Gulf News has been awarded the top prize by the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-Ifra) for Best Digital Subscription Initiative 2023 – a global recognition of our decision to go behind a paywall.

"This initiative has a strong opportunity to reach out to specific audiences in the UAE, especially with the focus on local news," a juror for the award wrote.

On April 20, 2021, Gulf News launched its digital subscription. Many were sceptical. However, Gulf News believed – in itself, its content, its journalism, and its readership. As Abdul Hamid Ahmad, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, puts it: "Yet again, Gulf News proves its leadership among news publishers by winning gold for its Digital Subscription Initiative."

Meher Murshed, Executive Editor, added: "The support we have received from our audience is way beyond our expectations. This means two things. They believe in our content. They believe we serve them well as readers." As part of the Digital Media Awards Middle East 2023, Gulf News was also awarded silver under the Best Newsletter category.

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