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## FRENCH ASTRONAUT THOMAS PESQUET IS BACK TO EARTH AFTER A 196 DAYS SPACE TRIP

### PRESIDENT MACRON CONGRATULATES HIM

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"WE ARE PROUD OF YOU" SAYS THE PRESIDENT MACRON TO THOMAS PESQUET

Emmanuel MACRON, President of the Republic, attended the return to Earth of the spationaut Thomas Pesquet, accompanied by the Russian Oleg Novitski, after a mission of more than 6 months in the International Space Station. He will talk briefly with Thomas Pesquet on his release from the Soyuz capsule

Last glance at our mother ship. A magnificent masterpiece of technology to watch, especially at sunset and sunrise, as on this shot taken from the Japanese laboratory Kibo. The International Space Station is unique, almost magical ... I will miss it." regretted Thomas Pesquet in a nostalgic tone. International Space Station <https://flic.kr/p/UNwuGC>

The French astronaut Thomas Pesquet returned to Earth on Friday 2 June after six and a half months in the International Space Station. His capsule Soyuz, who left the ISS shortly before 1 pm, landed in a steppe of Kazakhstan.

Thomas Pesquet returns to Earth after 196 days in orbit

The French spationaut, who shared his experience on social networks during his 196-day mission in space, is expected this afternoon in Kazakhstan. The landing is scheduled at 4:10 pm (Paris time) on Friday 2 June in the steppes of Kazakhstan. After six and a half months spent in the International Space Station (ISS), the French spationaut Thomas Pesquet and his Russian colleague Oleg Novitski will take a place in a Soyuz spacecraft to reach Earth after a trip of about 3:20.

The President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron, will visit the National Center for Space Studies (CNES) in the company of the Minister of Research, Frédérique Vidal, to attend their return and "briefly" talk with the Frenchman Astronaut.

The two astronauts will be quickly taken care of by medical teams. Then the Frenchman will join Cologne, Germany, where he will undergo further tests and find his relatives - the stay in weightlessness has effects on bone and muscle mass. He is scheduled to give a press conference on 6 June.

With this mission of 196 days, Thomas Pesquet, 39, is the French spationaut who made the longest stay in space continuously. This experience enabled him to realize two exits of the ISS and numerous scientific experiments.

CNES has already said that it is "absolutely delighted" about the way in which Thomas Pesquet carried out his mission: he showed "his professionalism, his technical skills and his great charism", told AFP The president of the French space agency, Jean-Yves Le Gall. Source AFP

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