

U.S. talks cap major turnaround for Syria

Syrian leader Ahmed al-Sharaa's U.S. visit caps a stunning year for the rebel-turned-ruler who toppled a longtime autocrat and has since toured the world as he seeks to end Syria's international isolation



Sharaa (left) – Syria's first-ever president to visit the White House – is pushing for full lifting of remaining sanctions against his country to spur global investment following 14 years of war

World Bank estimates it will take more than \$200 billion to rebuild Syria

ESTIMATED RECONSTRUCTION COST
(by governorate, \$ billions)

