
JAPAN SIGNALS SUPPORT TO SYRIA UNDER AL-SHARAA, LIFTS SANCTIONS

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Japan on Tuesday said it was lifting partial sanctions on Syria, signaling support to the government of President Ahmad al-Sharaa.

Japan's top government spokesman Kihara Minoru told reporters that many of the entities being removed from the sanctions list are expected to play a role in Syria's reconstruction, state-run NHK news reported.

Syria and Japan restored diplomatic ties last December, following a 15-year breakdown, a year after al-Sharaa formed the government following the ousting of Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad in December 2024.

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