

# In Syria, the U.S. Can Help Rebuild While Supplanting Russian Influence

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**Moscow's position has weakened, but not for long, raising the need for quick U.S. action on sanctions, investments, and broader economic assistance.**

**T**he fall of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad creates a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reshape the balance of power in the Middle East. The weaponry that American policymakers can wield for that rebalance are not bombs, but commerce. Washington needs a plan to create conditions for future U.S. investment to stabilize Syria—and to make sure Russia doesn't regain a foothold. If policymakers can smartly and strategically work with American businesses and other partners, the U.S. can blunt Vladimir Putin's plans to project power in the Middle East, Europe and Africa...

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