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During the first official visit of Syrian Interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa to Germany at the end of March 2026 German Chancellor Friedrich Merz declared that “about 80% of the Syrians currently living in Germany should return to their homeland” over the next three years -- which would be more than 720,000 people. [1]

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[1] Photo: Reconstruction costs in Syria will be high: Muslims gather this May for Eid al-Adha prayers in a public square heavily damaged by war in Damascus IMAGO / StringersHub.