

Syria seeks Israel withdrawal deal to 1974 borders



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Syria has proposed a new security agreement with Israel aimed at securing Israeli withdrawal to the 1974 disengagement lines, President Ahmad al-Sharaa said on Friday.

Speaking at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, Sharaa described the move as a first step toward a phased process that could open the door to broader negotiations. He noted that the 1974 disengagement agreement had remained effective for decades but was later undermined by

repeated violations.

The proposed framework seeks to establish updated security arrangements ensuring mutual stability, with a focus on restoring agreed boundaries. Sharaa said that if initial talks succeed, Damascus would be prepared to enter long-term negotiations addressing the status of the Golan Heights.

He firmly rejected any recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the territory, stating that the Golan remains a sovereign right of the Syrian people.

Following the collapse of the Assad government in December 2024, Israel declared the 1974 agreement void and moved forces into the buffer zone. Since then, Israeli strikes have continued across Syria, targeting military infrastructure and reportedly causing civilian casualties.

Despite heightened tensions, Syrian authorities say they are pursuing diplomatic options to stabilize the situation and re-establish security arrangements along the frontier.