

The flag of Syria has three equal horizontal bands of red (on top), white (in the middle), and black (on the bottom). The colors of the flag are traditional Pan-Arab colors, also seen on the flags of Yemen, Egypt, Sudan, and Iraq. Two small green five-pointed stars are displayed in a horizontal line centered in the white band. The two stars represent Egypt and Syria, the two participating nations in the United Arab Republic. The three horizontal stripes symbolize three Middle Eastern dynasties. The green is thought to be the color of the Rashidun or Fatimid, white the color of the Umayyads, black the color of Abbasids and red the color of the blood of martyrs.

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