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power speculated by no body.

Reasons:

1. Weakness of Regime:

i) **Minority govt:** It did not enjoy the support of majority even not from other Shia's like Asmaili's. He is unpopular with in Syria so it was bound to happen soon or later.

ii) **Corruption and Bad governance:** Add references

everyone is thinking about themselves instead of thinking about the state and healing of state. govt officials abusing their political powers for private gain in the country of Syria.

iii) **Lack of loyalty:** demoralized from rebels.

lack of loyalty from their majority Sunni population, and less sources and wages provided to their Armed forces as Iran and Russia were engaged in their war with Israel and Ukraine respectively.

2. Strength of Rebels:

Rebels was organization of Al-Qaeda but in 2016 but leader of HTS separated his organization from Al-Qaeda. in 81 portrait himself as modern person.

i) **Planning and preparation:**

HTS has opened up many military trainings, colleges, elite group elite commandos, in w/c proper military trainings given and professionally military was developed. They have expertise in night warfare for w/c -SAA (Syrian Arab Army) was not ready at all. They are more discipline and adhere to call of their leader.

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weakening of Iran,
Hezbollah & Russian forces.

ii) coalition and Alliances:

In Feb 2022 Russian forces ousted Assad towards Ukraine and
In Oct 2023 Iranian militias and Hezbollah forces were
engaged in Israel war on Gaza and Lebanon.
Thus Turkey once again led the opportunity to salvage the 2018
defeat in Aleppo. ~~comparably same~~ was the interest of US,
Israel and European union to divert the attention of Iranian
fighting assets from Lebanon and Gaza back to Syria and
support war-weary Israeli forces. ~~to inflict a geopolitical defeat on Russia~~
and Iran and strengthen Israel's hand.
→ militant groups (Syrian Free Army from south of Syria to Damascus)
make them more empowered. so SAA unable to make groups
alliances as its backed forces (Kurdish, American-backed) were
divided.

iii) Weapons: HTS use their leftover weapons (they were already
aware of these weapons) against Syrian Arab Army & govt.

Implications:

1. Instability: Syria is heterogeneous in terms of religion, ideology
regional support system, that's why possibility of instability in
Syria is greater.
2. Greater Israeli influence and role: As we know that Iranian's and
Hezbollah support the Gaza situation through the Syria but Now
HTS is against Iran so Israel's influence will be greater.
3. Weakened Iranian influence:
HTS clearly mentioned in his speech that they are against
Iran as they were major cause of brutality in Syria.

- weakened Hezbollah: They has minimum choices to react with in middle east. Their golden period was likely to be compromised.
- Weak palestine cause: Iranian and hezbollah forces are the major supporter of palestine but now Israel has liberty to act in middle east.
- Russian influence weakened: Russian bases are in syria which were used for trade and military purpose therefore Russia would loose foot point in middle east and it is step towards isolation of Russia.
- Threats of china: ?
- New wave of terrorism: HTS were already called as terrorists but now they are in power which leads to new wave of terrorism.
- Humanitarian crisis: If conflicts escalate then millions of syrians are should have to migrate. which lead to increase in humanitarian crisis.
- Conclusion: so, this is the most significant development after Arab spring. one wanted man is replaced by another wanted man. Many of the regions cut off from middle east where as many of them celebrates this new development.