

Timeline of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood



■ **1928:** Movement founded by **Hassan al-Banna** with aim of promoting Islamic values

■ **Late 1940s: *Special Apparatus***, group's

paramilitary wing, joins fight against British rule, engaging in campaign of bombings and assassinations

■ **1948:** Egyptian government dissolves Brotherhood for attacking British and Jewish interests. Prime Minister **Mahmoud al-Nuqrashi** assassinated by member of group

■ **1952:** Brotherhood supports military coup led by **Gamal Abdul Nasser**, which ends colonial rule – but relations with new government soon deteriorate

■ **1954:** Brotherhood blamed for attempt to assassinate Nasser – thousands of members imprisoned, tortured, or executed

■ **1966:** Government executes **Sayyid Qutb** – prominent Brotherhood member who inspired jihadi ideology across Islamic world

■ **1970s:** Group renounces violence

■ **1980s:** Attempts to rejoin political mainstream, running independent candidates in elections despite repeated campaigns of repression

■ **2005:** Wins record 20% of seats in parliamentary elections – government amends constitution to counter group's resurgence



■ **2009:** Conservative **Mohammed Badie** elected Brotherhood leader in blow to young reformists

■ **2010:** Group boycotts second round of parliamentary polls after vote rigging ensures they fail to win single seat in first round

■ **Jan 30, 2011:** Brotherhood leader **Saad el-Katatni** says group is seeking ways to direct protest movement against President **Hosni Mubarak**



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Brotherhood slogan: "Islam is the solution" – organisation insists democratic values are compatible with state governed according to Islamic Sharia law