

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD – TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, OR NOT?

ABSTRACT: In early 2017 the US authorities started the initiative to attach *The Society of the Muslim Brothers (MB)* a terrorist designation. This paper attempts to briefly bring to the readers' attention the most significant development of events in Egypt pushing this organization into the focus of the US Administration's latest interest after quite some time. The primary intention is to analyse such events – from the aspect of following the Islamic lines in the *Society's* policies, as well as through stating and defining terrorism-stained deviations along these lines during different periods of such *MB* policies in practice. The word is of the periodicity whose initial stretch immediately precedes the outburst of the constitutional 'coup' in Egypt in January 2011. The continuation thereof coincides with the 2011-2013 *Muslim Brotherhood* and President Mohammed Morsi's coming into power in this country, while the final stretch of the analysed time frame covers the years following ban on the *MB* activities and the massive political persecution of the organization's members. The concluding part of the paper offers an attempt to sum up and evaluate the obtained results i.e. defined elements possibly serving as basis for the current American reassessment of the *MB's* terrorism-inspired structure.

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