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THE POLITICIZATION OF RELIGION OF ISLAM TO AN ISLAMISM

"Some unconscious observers contend that Islamism is a western notion imposed on Muslims in a western attitude of islamophobia. This is wrong. In reality, it is a fact that the notion of Islamism (*al-islamyyia*) was first coined by the founder of the first Islamist movement in history, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hassan al-Banna. His definition of Islamism (*din wa daula*) as a doctrine of the unity of a state order was based on Shari'a and religious belief. The notion of Islamism pertains to the politicization of Islam in a pursuit to move it from spirituality and religious belief to politics. This happens in an effort at returning religion to state politics paired with the claim to establish an Islamic Sharia state." (Prof. Bassam Tibi)

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