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The present study consists of six chapters. The first chapter introduction deals with the background of the study. In this chapter attempts have been made to highlight the rise of Arab Nationalism and contemporary Islamic movement of Arab world.

The chapter second gives a detail about the causes of downfall of Ottoman empire and the rise of modern Arab World. In this chapter a brief account of Arab revolt and the effect of World War I on Arab world has been discussed.

The third chapter attempts to analyse the thoughts of three great Islamic thinkers, Jamal al-Din Afghani, Abduh and
Rashid Ridha. These three thinkers had been of immense importance in the history of Islamic movement of 20th century Arab world.

The fourth chapter focuses on the contemporary Islamic political activism in Arab world. The part first and second of this chapter deals with the personality and ideology of Hasan al-Banna, the founder of Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt and the ideologue of Brotherhood Syed Qutb. The third part deals with the ideology of a non Arab Islamic political thinker, Mawlana Mawdudi. Mawdudi has been made part of the present study because of his immense influence on the Arab Islamic movement. Mawdudi is the first non-Arab thinker who has been a constant source to the radical Islamists of the Arab world even up to the present times.

The fifth chapter aspires to understand the thoughts of two main think tanks of Iranian revolution of 1979, Khomeini and Ali Shariati. Iranian revolution has been made part of the present study because of its role in catalyzing the Islamic militant forces of Arab world.

The sixth and the last chapter discusses the rise of transnational and political Islam in contemporary Arab world. In this chapter attempts have also been made to highlight the activities and the rise of some major Islamic militant groups.
At the end of the chapters there is summary and conclusion of the study. After summary and conclusion there is also a bibliography and glossary of some Arabic term used in this thesis.

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