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THE RISE AND FALL OF MAUDUDI'S JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI IN THE LIGHT OF SOCIAL MOVEMENT THEORY

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The Jamaat-e-Islami, the social movement that was suppose to be embodiment of the great Maulana Abu A'la Maududi's "masterframe", was never able to live up to its expectations nor was able to achieve its main goal of creating an Islamic state. An ideology that inspired movements around the world, affecting even the mighty Hassen al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb; a party that had branches in India, Bangladesh, Srilanka, Azad and Jammu Kashmir; was never able to win more than ten seats in the National Assembly of Pakistan. In my paper I will analyze the rise and fall of the Jamaat through using tools provided by social movement theory.