



DĀD (3)

DĀD (lit., “justice”), a Tehran afternoon newspaper issued daily from 20 Mehr 1321 Š./12 October 1942 to 27 Farvardīn 1340 Š./16 April 1961, with four brief interruptions when it was banned. The publisher and managing editor was Abu’l-Ḥasan ‘Amīdī Nūrī (1323-1401 = 1360 Š./1905-81), a lawyer and representative for Māzandarān in the Majles. The first editor-in-chief was Moṣṭafā Alamūtī, an economist and deputy in the Majles, representing Rūdbār and Alamūt; he was also publisher of the newspaper *Šobḥ-e emrūz*. After Alamūtī’s resignation in 1333 Š./1954, Moḥammad-‘Alī Kord became editor-in-chief.

Dād was one of the most important daily newspapers in Tehran, especially before the [coup d’etat of 1332 Š./1953](#). It was conservative in orientation but supported the nationalists on some issues. In 1322 Š./1943 it was banned because of editorial criticism directed at the regime of Reżā Shah (1304-20 Š./1925-41). It was twice suspended in 1324 Š./1945 because of attacks on the government; it was replaced by *Parvareš*, which began publication in August 1945, and *Nowrūz-e Īrān*, which began publication in December of the same year.

In the summer of 1326 Š./1947 ‘Amīdī Nūrī resigned from the central committee of the ruling Ḥezb-e demokrāt-e Īrān (Democratic party of Iran) in protest against the inclusion of five Tudeh party members in the cabinet (see [communism ii](#)), and criticism of the policies of Prime Minister Aḥmad Qawām (Qawām-al-Salṭana) began to appear in *Dād*. As a result, the newspaper’s printing plant was burned on 6 Tīr/26 June. On the following day the editor



published an account of the event, including a violent attack on Qawām’s government and character. The prime minister ordered the paper closed, and both ‘Amīdī Nūrī and Alamūtī were forced to go into hiding to escape arrest.

Dād initially supported the National front and its leader, Dr. Moḥammad Moṣaddeq, but soon shifted to the opposition. It published outspoken criticism of Moṣaddeq’s government (Moṣaddeq, p. 369; tr., p. 456) and was one of the newspapers that accepted advertisements from the [Anglo-Iranian Oil Company](#) (Rā’īn, p. 285). *Dād* and its publisher were among the earliest supporters of General Fażl-Allāh Zāhedī, and after the fall of Moṣaddeq in 1332 Š./1953 ‘Amīdī Nūrī became deputy prime minister in Zāhedī’s government. He was executed after the Revolution of 1357 Š./1978.

The most important feature in *Dād* was the column called “Yāddāšt-e rūz” (Notes of the day), which always dealt with national politics. Also popular were the columns “Jarayānāt-e rūz” (Events of the day) and “Pošt-e parda-ye sīāsāt” (Behind the veil of politics). *Dād* carried some news photographs and a considerable amount of advertising. It consisted of four pages (occasionally more) measuring 32 x 52 cm, each with six columns, and was printed in its own plant. The price was initially 1 rial, but by the time it ceased publication it had risen to 2 rials.

Runs of *Dād* can be found in the major libraries of Persia, the Princeton University library (Princeton, N.J.), and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

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