



DĀNEŠ (2)

DĀNEŠ (lit., “knowledge”), title of seven newspapers and journals published in Persia and the Indian subcontinent, presented here in chronological order.

1. The first was a biweekly scientific newspaper published by **Dār al-fonūn** in Tehran (Browne, *Press and Poetry*, p. 84; Šadr Hāšemī, *Jarā’ed o majallāt*, pp. 265-66; Reżwānī, pp. 68-69; Solṭānī, 1354 Š./1975, p. 77; Moḥiṭ Ṭabāṭabā’ī, p. 40; Kohan, p. 160; Šokrī, p. 367). Fourteen issues appeared, the first on 23 Rajab 1299/10 June 1882 and the last on 16 Šafar 1300/27 December 1882. The newspaper was published on the orders of ‘Alīqolī Khan Mok̄ber-al-Dawla, minister of science under Nāṣer-al-Dīn Shah (1264-1313/1848-96), whose jurisdiction included Dār al-fonūn. He apparently intended it to fill the place of *Rūz-nāma-ye ‘elmī* (Scientific newspaper), which had been discontinued. The managing editor was Moḥammad Kāẓem, a teacher of natural sciences at Dār al-fonūn, who had studied in Europe and wrote on scientific subjects for the newspapers *Īrān* and *Rūz-nāma-ye ‘elmī*. Other instructors at Dār al-fonūn also wrote for *Dāneš*, which was lithographed at Dār al-fonūn by Mīrzā ‘Abbās Naqqāš. It was the first newspaper in Persia to be given away free and to make no charge for advertisements.

Dāneš carried scientific and medical news and opinion, as well as official notices of the Ministry of sciences. Two regular features were “Ḍawāt al-aḏnāb” (Comets) by Ḥājī Najm-al-Molk, on astronomy, and “Meftāḥ al-‘olūm” (The key to the sciences), short questions and answers about pure and



experimental science edited by Ja'farqolī Khan Sartīp, the principal of Dār al-fonūn. The masthead *Dāneš* was surrounded by a border of wheat stalks. There were four pages measuring 21.5 x 35.5 cm in a two-column format. Copies are kept at the Majles library in Tehran, the central library of Tehran University, and the library of the Asia Institute at the University of Shiraz.

E. G. Browne mentioned, in addition to this *Dāneš*, a government weekly by the same name, the first number of which appeared in Tehran on 22 Du'l-Ḥejja 1299/4 November 1882 (*Press and Poetry*, p. 84). It is unlikely that two government newspapers of the same name were published simultaneously in Tehran, and there is no other evidence that this paper ever existed.

2. The second *Dāneš* was a women's weekly newspaper published in Tehran in thirty issues between 10 Ramaẓān 1328/15 September 1910 and 27 Rajab 1329/23 July 1911; it was the first publication in Persia specifically for women (Rabino, no. 102; Browne, *Press and Poetry*, pp. 84-85; Šadr Hāšemī, *Jar'ed o majallāt*, pp. 266-67; Nafisī, p. 1253; Mach and McChesney, s.v.; Solṭānī, 1354 Š./1975, p. 77; Mawlānā, pp. 207, 209; Kohan, pp. 386-90, 696-97; Nāhid, pp. 119-20). The publisher and editor is usually identified only as Doktor Kaḥḥāl, Kānom-e Doktor [Ḥosayn Khan] Kaḥḥāl; Moḥammad Moḥīṭ Ṭabāṭabā'ī has identified her further as the daughter of Ya'qūb Jadīd-al-Eslām Hamadānī (pp. 172-73). The editor in chief for numbers 1 through 3 was listed as 'A. Šafwat in numbers 4-30 no editor in chief was mentioned. The articles in *Dāneš* never dealt with politics; most contained "women's news," particularly about schools for girls. There was also a fiction serial.

The paper was typeset in eight single-column pages, measuring 22 x 34 cm, originally at the Šarq press and later at a Rūsī printing house. It carried no illustrations and little advertising. An annual subscription cost 12 *qerāns* in Tehran, 15 *qerāns* elsewhere in Persia, and 7 French francs abroad. Single issues were sold for 1 'abbāsī and 5 šāhīs. Copies are kept at the Majles library in Tehran, the central library of Tehran University, and the Princeton University library in Princeton, New Jersey.

3. The third *Dāneš* was a monthly literary magazine affiliated with the Association of democrats (Majma'-e demokrāt); it was edited and published in Mašhad by the poet and writer Moḥammad Dāneš Bozorgnīā (Nô Rouze, p. 41 no. 55; Ādari, 1354 Š./1975, pp. 248-55; Solṭānī, 1356 Š./1977, pp. 47-48; *Zeitschriftenverzeichnis*, p. 54). Apparently it was suppressed after publication



of the first issue, in Jady (Dey) 1298 Š./December 1919. It was typeset in forty single-column pages measuring 13 x 20.5 cm and was printed at the Khorasan press. It carried no illustrations or advertising. A copy is kept in the central library of Tehran University.

4. Fourth was reportedly a magazine founded in Tehran in 1324 Š./1945 as the organ of the Association of graduates of Tehran Teachers' college (Jam'iyat-e fāreġ-al-taḥṣilān-e Dāneš-sarā-ye 'ālī-e Tehrān; see [education](#); Elwell-Sutton, p. 86 no. 179).

5. A monthly cultural magazine entitled *Dāneš* was published in Tehran from Farvardīn 1328 Š./March 1949 to Šahrīvar 1334 Š./August 1955 (Āḍarī, 1331 Š./1953; idem, 1334 Š./1955; idem, 1364 Š./1985, pp. 124-25; Esfandiārī et al., p. 98; Sims-Williams, p. 114 no. 116). Its editor and publisher was Nūr-Allāh Īrānparast, and many well-known scholars contributed to it. The magazine consisted of 60-72 single-column pages, measuring 23.5 x 16.5 cm., with illustrations and advertisements. An annual subscription cost 180 rials in Persia and 48 British shillings abroad; single copies were priced at 15 rials and 3 shillings respectively. Complete sets can be found in major libraries in Persia and abroad.

6. From 1974 a yearbook of history and literature was published in Persian and Urdu under the title *Dāneš* by the Persian department of Kashmir University in Srinagar. The editor was Šams-al-Dīn Aḥmad. The yearbook consisted of 166 single-column pages measuring 13 x 21.5 cm. and carried no advertisements, illustrations, or subscription price. Copies are kept in the central library of Tehran University.

7. Finally, a quarterly dealing with Persian culture and literature on the Indian subcontinent has been published in Islamabad, Pakistan, by the Persian cultural attaché since spring 1364 Š./1985. The editors have been Pakistanis, 'Āref Nowšāhī for the first fifteen numbers and Sebṭ Ḥasan Rażawī for the subsequent issues. In each issue between one and three articles are in Urdu, and many are by Pakistani scholars. The quarterly consists of 230-70 single-column pages, measuring 15.5 x 23.5 cm., without illustrations; it carries advertisements for books and magazines only.



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