



DĀRYĀ

DĀRYĀ, a Tehran morning daily of news and politics, published with a number of interruptions from Ordībehešt 1323 Š./May 1944 to Farvardīn 1330 Š./March 1951. The publisher and managing director was **Ḥasan Arsanjānī**, a radical lawyer and politician (1301-48 Š./1922-69), who had first used the pen name Dāryā for his articles in the paper *Īrān-e mā*. The name Dāryā has no real meaning; in the author's opinion it was formed from the letters of the word *īrād* (objection) spelled backward. Ebrāhīm Faḵrā'ī, publisher of the newspaper *Forūḡ*, was appointed editor-in-chief (*sar-dabīr*).

Dāryā was an independent newspaper, which dealt openly and freely with political and social questions. Arsanjānī's own powerful pen and irrefutable logic contributed measurably to its frank tone. The paper was thus closed by the government ten times. During these intervals it was replaced by *Nedā-ye ḥaqīqat*, *Ārmān-e mellī*, *ʿAlī Bābā*, and *Parvareš*, in the late winter of 1323 Š./1945; *Możaffar*, *Aḵtar*, *Zan-e emrūz*, *Tehrān-e emrūz*, and *Forūḡ* in the autumn of the same year; and *Denā* in Āḍar 1324 Š./December 1948. In Esfand 1324 Š./March 1946 *Dāryā* appeared as the organ of the Āzādī party, which supported Aḥmad Qawām (Qawām-al-Saltāna). Publication ceased permanently in 1330 Š./1951, and Arsanjānī became Qawām's political undersecretary.

Dāryā was published in four to eight pages of six columns each, measuring 36 x 50 cm; the price was 2 rials. It was illustrated and carried advertising. Scattered issues are found in major Persian libraries, the Princeton University library, and the Library of Congress.



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