



## ERŠĀD AL-NESWĀN

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**ERŠĀD al-NESWĀN**, the first women's periodical in Afghanistan, published weekly in Kabul from 27 Ḥūt 1299 to 19 Ṭawr 1300 (16 March-9 June 1921). The editor was Asmār Sommayya, the Syrian wife of Maḥmūd Ṭarz'ī, the famous Afghan politician, poet, and journalist. Since Sommayya did not know Persian, another woman of the Ṭarzī family, Rūḥafzā, was managing editor, and both were listed on the masthead (as "A-R" and "R-A"). In all probability, Maḥmūd Ṭarzī, at that time foreign minister, played a large role in determining the contents.

*Eršād al-neswān* was lithographed in *nasta'liq* script in eight pages (three columns, 25 x 37.5 cm, through no. 11, and later eight pages, two columns, 22.5 x 27.5 cm) and carried no illustrations. Single issues were sold at 5 Kabul rupees within Afghanistan and 7 elsewhere. Copies are kept at Kabul University.

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