



ESTAQR NEWSPAPER

ESTAQR, a newspaper published in Shiraz once a week from Asad 1297 Š./August 1918 until 1311 Š. /1932 (not 1306 Š. as mentioned in some sources) and again twice a week from 1321 Š./1942 until Esfand 1341 Š./1962. Its content dealt with the news of current events, particularly those of Fārs, and social and cultural issues. Its publisher and manager director was Moḥammad-Ḥosayn Bavānātī “Estaq̄r” (b. Bavānāt 1306/1888-89, d. Shiraz 1348 Š./1969), an educator who for some time also served as a judge in the Ministry of justice. Later he served as the Majles deputy from Shiraz in its 18th and 19th sessions, during which time the paper was published in Tehran. Since publishing a newspaper constituted conflict of interest with his responsibilities as a judge, starting with the 10th issue of the 10th year (1307) Mirzā Nāṣer Khan Sālār and after him Sayyed ‘Abd-al-Rezā Ma’dalat became the manager director of the paper. Estaq̄r again became the director manager and principal columnist of the paper when it resumed publication in 1321 Š./1942. In later years his son Manūčehr Estaq̄r was the editor in chief. At first *Estaq̄r* was lithographed in eight three-column pages measuring 40 x 32 cm, but starting in 1321 Š./1942 it was typeset in four eight-column pages measuring 48 x 35 cm and later in six-column pages measuring 42 x 27 cm. A single issue cost 10 *šāhīs* in its early years and 2 rials in later years. Annual subscription during its early years was 40 *qerāns* in Persia, which was later raised to 300 rials, and 50 *qerāns* abroad. Incomplete sets of *Estaq̄r* are kept at the National Library (Ketāb-kāna-ye mellī) in Tehran, the Central Library of Tehran University (Ketāb-kāna-ye markazī-e Dānešgāh-e Tehrān), the library of Āstān-e qods in Mašhad, Sāzmān-e madārek-e farhangī-e enqelāb-e eslāmī, and the Library of Congress,



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