



ESTEQLĀL

ESTEQLĀL, newspaper published by the constitutionalists who had taken refuge in the Ottoman consulate in Tabrīz during the Russian occupation of the city in 1327/1909. Fifty-four issues were published from 23 Jomādā I 1327 to 16 Jomādā I 1328/12 June 1909-26 May 1910. It was originally a weekly, but after the seventh issue it appeared three times a week. It was produced at first by a committee chosen from among the refugees: Moḥammad-Rezā Šīrāzī, the publisher of *Mosāwāt*; Mīrza Aḥmad Qazvīnī; and Mīrza Āqā Bolūrī, the publisher of *Nāla-ye mellat*. Until the seventh issue the newspaper had no masthead, did not list the name of a publisher, and was printed on a lithograph press that the constitutionalists had brought with them to the consulate. After the victory of the constitutionalists Mīrza Āqā continued to publish the paper alone, working out of the office of the Anjoman-e eyālatī. The newspaper contained a mixture of features and news stories, the latter generally concerned with Azarbaijan. It was opposed to Russian policies.

The format was four two-column pages first lithographed (nos. 1-7) and later on typeset, measuring 20 x 30.5 and 22 x 36 cm, respectively. It carried no illustrations. Early issues cost 2, 3, 4 *šāhīs* for Tabrīz, other Persian cities, and abroad, respectively. Subscriptions for later issues were 15 *qerāns*, 20 *qerāns*, and 15 French francs. Copies are kept at Tehran University, National Library (Tehran), and Cambridge and Princeton universities.

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