



GOLŠAN

GOLŠAN, cultural magazine published in the early days of 1296 Š./1917 in Tehran by Sayyed Reżā Yazdi “Amir Reżwāni” (d. 25 Esfand 1314 Š./16 March 1936), first twice a week and from its sixth year three times a week. None of its early issues is available in major libraries. After some issues as a magazine, it appeared as a social-cultural newspaper, its oldest available issue being the one bearing the joint-numbers 24 and 25 (of 21 Šafar 1337/26 November 1918) kept at the Central Library of Tehran University. Its last issue was published on 22 Esfand 1313 Š./13 March 1935.

Golšan was published as the replacement for Amir Reżwāni’s other newspaper, *Soruš- e-Irān*, which had been banned (Bayāt and Kuhestāni-nežād, p. 324), and hence its early issues carried the following phrase in the headmast: “Temporarily offered to subscribers in place of *Soruš-e-Irān*.”

Golšan was banned in the wake of the coup d’état of Esfand 1299 Š./February 1921 (q.v.) as part of the general ban on all newspapers and for the second time in Saraṭān 1300 Š./June 1921 by the then prime minister, Qawām-al-Salṭana, and for the third time in Jādī 1301 Š./December 1922. After that the paper became a supporter of Sardār-e Sepah, the future Reżā Shāh Pahlavi. *Golšan* was issued in four, and sometimes in eight, four-column pages of 33 x 44.5 cm; and beginning with its seventh year in five-column pages of 40 x 56 cm until its tenth year, it was printed by the Bāqerzāda Press and subsequently by Bosfor Press. Single issues cost six *šāhis* at the beginning and four *šāhis* in the last year; annual subscription was sixty *qerāns* the first year and eighty *qerāns* at the end. It carried advertisements. Incomplete sets are



available in major libraries in Persia and in the libraries of Princeton University and the Deutsche Staatsbibliothek in Berlin.

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