

MOLLA NASRADDIN, 1906



The first cover of Molla Nasraddin magazine dated April 7, 1906.\*

*\*\*Molla Nasraddin was an eight-page Azerbaijani satirical periodical published in Tiflis (from 1906–14 and in 1917), Tabriz (in 1921) and Baku (from 1922–31) in the Azerbaijani and occasionally Russian languages. The magazine was read across the Muslim world from Morocco to East Asia. It was founded by Jalil Mammadguluzadeh (1869–1932) and Omar Faig Nemanzadeh (1872–1937), and named after Nasreddin, the legendary Sufi wise man-cum-fool of the Middle Ages. The magazine, on behalf of the sage Molla Nasreddin, expressed the ideas of the revolution of 1905–1907, as well as the ideas of the labour movement in Transcaucasia. It was widespread throughout the Near and Middle East and influenced the development of the democratic press. The magazine denounced patriarchal and feudal customs, called on ordinary people to fight for freedom, and also spoke out against imperialism and despotic regimes in the countries of the East.*