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## Origins of Majulah Singapura

*An activity of "Zubir Said: the man who loved music – and his country".*

Read the article, "Zubir Said: the man who loved music — and his country" (page 12, *What's Up* July 2025). Let's read the story and find out more about our National Anthem.

1a) Watch this video to find out more about Zubir Said or "Pak Zubir".

### **The Story Of Zubir Said & How Our National Anthem Almost Never Came To Be**

➤ <https://youtu.be/FLTCZVPWKHk?si=rjjsrWMEhS6xyzqX>

(MustShareNews, 10 Aug 2020)

1b) Based on the video and the *What's Up* article, list three challenges that Pak Zubir faced.

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1c) What do you admire most about Pak Zubir? And, why?

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2a) Browse through this translation of our National Anthem.

Original (Malay)	Translation (English)
<b>Majulah Singapura</b> Mari kita rakyat Singapura Sama-sama menuju bahagia Cita-cita kita yang mulia Berjaya Singapura Marilah kita bersatu Dengan semangat yang baru Semua kita berseru Majulah Singapura Majulah Singapura Marilah kita bersatu Dengan semangat yang baru Semua kita berseru Majulah Singapura Majulah Singapura	<b>Onward Singapore</b> <i>Come, fellow Singaporeans</i> <i>Let us progress towards happiness together</i> <i>May our noble aspiration bring</i> <i>Singapore success</i> <i>Come, let us unite</i> <i>In a new spirit</i> <i>Together we proclaim</i> <i>Onward Singapore</i> <i>Onward Singapore</i> <i>Come, let us unite</i> <i>In a new spirit</i> <i>Together we proclaim</i> <i>Onward Singapore</i> <i>Onward Singapore</i>

2b) How do you think Pak Zubir wanted Singaporeans to feel when they sang *Majulah Singapura*?

2c) Why do you think he chose to use simple, hopeful words instead of fancy language and phrases?

2d) Which line of the anthem stands out to you the most? And, why?

2e) What are some things about Singapore that you are proud of and grateful for?

2f) Pak Zubir left a legacy, Singapore's National Anthem, for his country. If you could leave behind a legacy for your country, what would you like it to be?