



# ZAPIN, A DANCE WITH ARABIC ROOTS INGRAINED IN MALAYSIAN SOCIETY



**Z**apin is a popular traditional dance with Arabic roots deeply ingrained in Malaysian society. Accompanied by various instruments, including the gambus - a variant of the Arabic oud - dancers flow with the rhythms of the music, telling stories relating to farming and village traditions. It said

that Zapin could trace its roots to the Arab region and specifically Hadramaut, Yemen. It was carried by Arab merchants in the 14th century to what is known as Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, and Singapore. — KUNA



Malaysian dancers perform Zapin, a popular traditional dance with Arabic roots. — KUNA photos