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KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (Bernama) -- MSM Malaysia Holdings Bhd President/Group Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Sheikh Awab Sheikh Abod, passed away at noon today at the Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur with his family by his side.

Sheikh Awab, 56, helmed the biggest sugar producing company in the country since Jan 1, 2014.

"MSM's Board of Directors, management and staff are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Sheikh Awab and wish to convey our condolences to the family," the company said in a statement.

The board also expressed its appreciation and gratitude to the late Sheikh Awab for his invaluable contributions to the company during his tenure.

Sheikh Awab was the acting CEO of Malaysian International Merchant Bank from 2003 to 2004, then continued his career as the President/CEO of Affin Investment Bank from 2005 till 2007, then as the Chairman of PECD Bhd from 2007 to 2010.

He is currently a Director of Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Bhd and Chairman of its Finance and Investment Committee, as well as, Chairman of Axis Consultancy & Advisory Services.

Additionally, he also sits on the boards of several companies within the Felda Global Ventures Group of Companies.

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