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Murad's death a great loss to nation

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KUALA LUMPUR: The passing of former Education director general Tan Sri Murad Mohamed Noor on Tuesday has been described as a loss to the country. He was 78.

The former educationist died at 9.15pm at the Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre in Jalan Ampang here where he was admitted two weeks ago for a lung infection.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, in expressing his condolences to the family, described Murad's death as a big loss to the field of education.

Education Minister Datuk Seri

Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said Murad's death was a great loss to the field and to the country.

"Murad was always willing to give advice and ideas on issues related to education as he wanted the national education system to develop and improve further," he said.

Tan Sri Dr Abdul Rahman Arshad, who succeeded Murad as director-general, said Murad was director-general at a challenging time for the national education system.

The late Murad, the eldest of

seven siblings, was born in Penang.

He leaves a wife, Puan Sri Azizah Aiyub Ghazali, and four children.

Murad was the director-general of education from 1976 to 1985.

One of his many contributions in the field of education was the New Primary School Curriculum (KBSR) in 1983 which emphasised the three Rs of reading, writing and arithmetic.

Murad's remains were taken to Penang and buried next to his mother's grave in Penaga, Seberang Perai Utara, yesterday. — Bernama