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BEIRUT- Antoine Choueiri was announced dead few minutes ago. He was admitted to the hospital lately due to pneumonia and had many health issues.

For those who are not familiar with this man, Antoine Choueiri dominates the media landscape in the Middle East as a representative of some of the major names in the local industry, including Lebanon's LBC Sat, the Al Jazeera network, the daily newspaper Al Hayat based in London, the UAE's Dubai Media Inc and Lebanese publications Al Nahar and Al Safir.

But for Lebanon, and specifically the Sagesse fans, he was more known as "President" and as the man who turned the humble and modest Sagesse team into an multi-Arab and double Asian champion. He revolutionized basketball in Lebanon and made it reach international levels of competition. Basketball and other sports today still suffer in Lebanon because of his retirement from sports few years ago.

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