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KUALA LUMPUR, June 6 (Bernama) -- Shares on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange ended mixed on buying support that parred mild profit-taking activities.

The benchmark Composite Index lost 3.20 points to 564.08, the all main board shares Emas Index eased 0.51 of a point to 137.60, the Industrial Index dropped 9.09 points to 1,137.24 while the Finance Index fell 23.42 points to 4,154.86.

Decliners led advancers 249 to 211, 216 counters were unchanged and 360 others untraded.

Trading was thin with 76.092 million shares valued at RM138.809 million.

On the main board, the volume declined to 72.098 million stocks valued at RM133.598 million compared with 102.545 million shares worth RM241.905 million on Tuesday.

The turnover on the second board decreased to 3.994 million shares worth RM5.210 million compared with 4.458 million stocks valued at RM6.020 million previously.

Off market transactions contracted to 3.703 million valued at 5.694 million from 8.442 million shares worth RM24.135 million previously.

"Investors' mood remained weak on uncertainty over the appointment of the new finance minister following Tun Daim Zainuddin's resignation over the weekend," said a dealer.

But the announcement by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that he would be the interim finance minister until a new one was appointed helped provide some relief to market players, he added.

Leading the active counters, Maybank eased five sen to RM9.35, AMMB Holdings was flat at RM2.89, Genting was five sen lower at RM8.35 and Technology Resources Industries fell 12 sen to RM1.61.

Other volume leaders, Malayan United Industries was 3.5 sen weaker at 56 sen, Innovest sagged half a sen at 12.5 sen, Abric advanced 14 sen to RM1.80 and Pan Malaysian Industries shed 1.5 sen to 34 sen.

Utility heavyweights, Telekom added five sen to RM7.85 while Tenaga Nasional was five sen lower at RM7.80.

Meanwhile Edaran Digital Systems Bhd made its maiden entry on the main board today at RM1.80, 35 sen below its offer price of RM2.15.

In line with the weaker market, the counter finished six sen lower at RM2.09 with a mere 151 lots changing hands.

On sectoral basis, the consumer products accounted for 1.858 million shares transacted, industrial products 4.987 million, construction 3.158 million, trade/service 19.848 million, technology 1.075 million, infrastructure 831,000, finance 13.730 million, hotels 297,000, properties 6.033 million, plantation 1.415 million, mining 238,800, trusts 5,000, closed/fund 49,000 and loans 18.572 million.

Meanwhile, on the Malaysian Exchange of Securities Dealing and Automated Quotation (Mesdaq), the Mesdaq Composite Index was unchanged at Tuesday's close of 69.83.

Supercomal Technologies, Intelligent Edge and Kotra Industries were all not traded. They had previously settled at RM2.50, RM0.70 and RM0.70 respectively.

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