

Bursa Malaysia Opens Lower In Early Session

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 8 (Bernama) -- Share prices on Bursa Malaysia were higher in early session this morning as investors took profits after the recent gains, dealers said.

At 9.40 am, the benchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) was 8.42 points lower at 1,854.48 after opening 1.87 of a point easier at 1,861.03.

Market breadth was negative with losers outnumbering gainers 237 to 174, while 251 counters were unchanged, 947 untraded and 14 others were suspended.

Turnover stood at 365.54 million shares worth RM202.33 million.

Top losers, led by Public Bank Bhd-Foreign, fell 36 sen to RM19.40 followed by Petronas Dagangan which slipped 30 sen to RM30.10 and Deleum dropped 22 sen to RM6.53.

Among actives, Symphony House and KNM-WA were flat at 27 sen and 35.5 sen respectively, while Talam Transform gained half-a-sen to nine sen.

As for the heavyweights, Maybank was flat at RM9.78, Tenaga increased four sen to RM11.72 and CIMB dropped 10 sen to RM7.40.

Dealers said interest was focused on small-cap and mid-cap stocks.

On the scoreboard, the Industrial Index slipped 11.25 points to 3,167.31, the Plantation Index improved 9.8 points to 8,942.92 and the Finance Index declined 94.77 points to 16,906.31.

The FBM Emas Index fell 45.21 points to 12,839.84, the FBMT100 Index declined 47.2 points to 12,491.51, the FBM 70 slipped 15.91 points to 14,020.81 and the FBM Ace decreased 7.85 points to 6,776.35.

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