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BURSA Malaysia ended higher after a volatile trading yesterday, with the trading volume breaking another record high of 15.62 billion shares after breaching a fresh record on Monday.

The benchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) gained 3.33 points or 0.21% to 1,575.94 from Monday's close of 1,572.61. Trading volume was at 15.62 billion shares worth RM10.44 billion against Monday's 13.12 billion shares valued at RM8.24 billion.

The key index, which opened 5.63 points firmer at 1,578.24, moved between 1,549.62 and 1,580.87 throughout the trading day. Market breadth was positive as gainers outpaced losers 608 to 514, while 376 counters were unchanged, 512 untraded and 15 others suspended.

Rakuten Trade Sdn Bhd head of research Kenny Yee said the higher volume was due to heavy transactions in the healthcare, technology and telecommunication stocks which continued to spur investors' interest, thus resulting in bargain hunting amid the volatile trading.

"Besides, we think sentiment has become more bullish due to the better Wall Street performance overnight, driven by surging optimism over the upcoming stimulus bill by the US government, as well as China's improved manufacturing activity which expanded in July," he told *Bernama*.

Of the heavyweights, Malayan Banking Bhd was flat at RM7.50, Top Glove Corp Bhd advanced RM1.48 to RM28.36, Hartalega Holdings Bhd eased 56 sen to RM16.70, Public Bank Bhd added 14 sen to RM16.70 and **Tenaga Nasional Bhd slipped 16 sen to RM10.94.**

Of the actives, MTouche Technology Bhd rose 3.5 sen to 11 sen, while AT Systematization Bhd and Xidelang Holdings Ltd added half-a-sen each to 10.5 sen and 6.5 sen respectively.

Among top gainers, Supermax Corp Bhd soared RM3.08 to RM22.42, fol-

lowed by Top Glove and Adventa Bhd, which gained 96 sen to RM4.67.

For top losers, Nestlé (M) Bhd dipped RM1.70 to RM139, Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd fell RM1.58 to RM30.52 and Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia Bhd dropped 88 sen to RM24.20.

On the index board, the FBM Emas Index strengthened 71.99 points to 11,334.57, the FBM Emas Shariah Index was 102.30 points higher at 13,446.49 and the FBM T100 Index increased 65.68 points to 11,154.04

The FBM 70 jumped 251.54 points to 14,741.80 and the FBM ACE leaped 483.35 points to 9,660.18. Sector-wise, the Industrial Products and Services Index trimmed 0.51 point to 138.55, the Financial Services Index recovered 39.93 points to 12,882.05 and the Plantation Index erased 1.73 points to 7,036.75.

Main Market volume increased to 6.27 billion shares valued at RM6.85 billion compared to 5.74 billion shares worth RM5.35 billion on Monday.

Warrants turnover rose to 1.14 billion units worth RM530.66 million from 720.54 million units valued at RM283.44 million million previously.

Volume on the ACE Market expanded to 8.2 billion shares valued at RM3.06 billion versus 6.65 billion shares valued at RM2.6 billion on Monday.

Consumer products and services accounted for 2.04 billion shares traded on the Main Market, industrial products and services (1.41 billion), construction (191.03 million), technology (782.43 million), special purpose acquisition company (nil), financial services (53.04 million), property (487.78 million), plantations (149.81 million), real estate investment trusts (15.98 million), closed/fund (124,000), energy (560.7 million), healthcare (205.26 million), telecommunications and media (84.33 million), transportation and logistics (258.93 million) and utilities (22.64 million). — *Bernama*