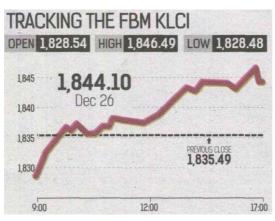


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## Higher on buying support

THE FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) closed higher on persistent buying interest in selected blue chips and key heavyweights.

The FBM KLCI rose by 8.61 points to settle at 1,844.10, after moving between 1,828.48 and 1,846.49 throughout the day.

Volume declined to 905.01 million shares worth RM818.25mil compared with 925.20 million shares worth RM758.92mil on Tuesday.

On the scoreboard, the Finance Index rose 70.20 points to 16,907.67, Industrial Index firmed 8.63 points to 3,134.72 and the Plantation Index added 44.21 points to 8,761.70.

The FBM Emas Index improved 47.32 points to 12,706.57, FBMT100 Index gained 47.05 points to 12,443.88 and the FBM 70 rose 9.13 points to 14,052.59.

The FBM Ace, however, eased 5.15 points to 5,590.07.

Among actives, Asiapac added 1.5 sen to 18 sen and BIMB-WA rose four sen to 86.5 sen.

Sumatec and Nextnation-OR were flat at 27.5 sen and half-a-sen, respectively.

Of the heavyweights, Maybank surged nine sen to RM10.04, Tenaga jumped six sen to RM11.14, CIMB added one sen to RM7.62 and Axiata advanced five sen to RM6.80. — Bernama