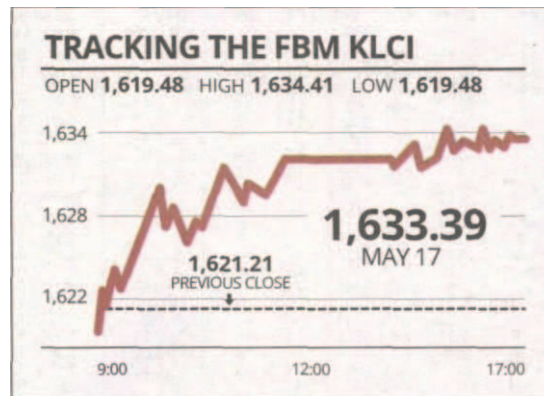


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Bullish sentiments lift Bursa

BULLISH global sentiment including higher crude oil prices and improvement in the US stock market lifted Bursa Malaysia, with the FBM KLCI ending just a whisker away of its intraday high.

The benchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) moved between 1,619.48 and 1,634.41 throughout the day, before settling 12.18 points higher at 1,633.39, from Monday's close of 1,621.21.

Gainers led losers 479 to 341 with 335 counters unchanged, 556 untraded and 13 others were suspended.

Volume was unchanged at 1.7 billion shares but worth slightly higher at RM1.72bil, compared with Monday's 1.7 billion shares worth RM1.69bil.

A dealer said besides the local bourse, other Asian markets were also trending higher.

"Stock markets in the region rose, spurred by technology giant Apple Inc's biggest rise in over two months, while Brent crude oil price reached a six-month high of US\$49.47 per barrel.

Of heavyweights, Maybank rose eight sen to RM8.53, Public Bank added 16 sen to RM19.16, while both TNB and IHH were flat at RM14 and RM6.57, respectively.

Finance Index put on 83.32 points to 14,307.76. The Plantation Index edged up 53.16 points to 7,490.77 and the Industrial Index was 40.47 points higher at 3,054.81. – Bernama