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## "ASPI tumbles on profit taking"

Bourse closed in the red for the fourth consecutive session by exhibiting a complete downtrend as profittaking persisted on major banking and blue-chip counters, including HNB, COMB, SPEN, JKH, and HAYL. With selling sentiment dominating amidst profit-taking, the index experienced a continuous decline, closing below the 11,200 level at 11,177, marking a loss of 64 points. However, active collection continued on CTC and DIAL, while positive sentiment arose on poultry counters such as CIC and BFL. Turnover further decreased to over a 1-month low, recording at LKR 639.9 Mn , remaining $63 \%$ below the monthly average turnover of LKR 1.7 Bn , as retailers sidelined, with less than 10,000 trades recorded during the day. Additionally, the Capital Goods and Food, Beverage \& Tobacco sectors significantly contributed to the overall turnover, jointly accounting for $43 \%$.


