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"Market hits highest trading volumes in four weeks"

The Colombo bourse commenced the trading day on a positive note, with bullish investor sentiment propelling it to an intra-day high of 12,421. However, market dynamics shifted post-midday, leading to a downtrend that saw the market closing at 12,354, down by 9 points from the previous day. Notably, the Banking sector counters, including HNB, SAMP, and NDB, exhibited reduced activity, contributing to the negative trend observed. The day's turnover totaled LKR 3.1Bn, marking a 19.7% decrease from the previous day. However, trading volumes reached the highest seen in four weeks backed by increase interest on penny stocks. Meanwhile today's turnover marked a 13.1% increase over the monthly average of LKR 2.7Bn with HAYL dominating the daily aggregate turnover, accounting for 13.6%, while JKH contributed 7.9%, particularly following its partnership announcement with Melco. The Capital Goods sector emerged as the leading contributor, comprising 34% of the turnover, followed closely by the combined contribution of the Diversified Financials and Materials sectors, which amounted to 29%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 93.2Mn, indicating their cautious stance in the market.

