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"Market experiences another day of volatility and mixed sentiment"

The bourse experienced a day of swinging activity with mixed sentiment and uncertainty overall. The ASPI closed at 12,376 remaining unchanged from the previous day and reflecting the volatile environment of the market, to which the most significant contributors were COMB, LOLC, RICH, CTC, and MGT, where COMB and LOLC led the way. In contrast HNB, SAMP, and JKH were the dominant negative contributors to ASPI, further reflecting mixed sentiment in the banking sector. Investor sentiment remained diverse, displaying interest in a variety of sectors, notably in bluechip firms, and the manufacturing, and apparel sectors. Turnover saw a decline from the previous day, reflecting unpredictable market activity, standing at LKR 2.0Bn with a 5% decrease from the previous day, where the Capital Goods sector led turnover at 26%, followed by the Food, Beverage and Tobacco, and Banking sectors jointly contributing to 32% of overall turnover, further reflecting the varied and unpredictable interest of investors. There was a net foreign outflow of LKR 44.9Mn signaling interest in outward investments. The market overall saw a day of diversified and uncertain investor sentiment, led by the Banking and Capital Goods sectors.

