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## "Turnover falls to a 3-week low amidst

The bourse experienced a day of mixed sentiment and uncertainty overall. The market experienced a dull start at the beginning of the day, marking a slight recovery by mid-day with swinging activity, reflecting varied sentiment. The ASPI closed at 12,499, exhibiting a 0.16% decrease from the previous day reflecting the volatile environment of the market, to which the most significant contributors were CTHR, RCL, SPEN, HHL, and TJL, where CTHR and RCL led the way. In contrast JKH, BIL, and RICH were the top negative contributors to ASPI further reflecting the mixed sentiment of the market. Investor sentiment remained diverse, displaying interest in a variety of sectors, notably in blue-chip firms, and the Capital Goods sector, while the Banking sector experienced diminished interest. Turnover saw a significant decline falling to its lowest levels in the past 3 weeks, reflecting unpredictable market activity, standing at LKR 1.8Bn with a 30.5% decrease from the previous day, where the Capital Goods sector led turnover at 36%, followed by the Banking, Food, Beverage and Tobacco, and Materials sectors jointly contributing to 34% of overall turnover, further reflecting the diversified and volatile interest of investors. There was a net foreign outflow of LKR 0.2Bn signaling interest in outward investments. The market overall saw a day of varied and uncertain investor sentiment, led by blue-chip firms and the Capital Goods sectors.

