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"Turnover jumps 26% against monthly average, as index declines 68 points"

The market experienced another day of downturn, marking the 3rd consecutive session of bearish sentiment. Initially showing signs of recovery with a positive start, the market soon succumbed to ongoing uncertainties and profit-taking activities. Accordingly, ASPI experienced a downward trend, closing at 12,291, shedding 68 points (c. -0.55%). This decline was particularly influenced by the selling pressure observed on the Banking sector counters like HNB, NDB, SAMP and DFCC, as selling pressure persisted amidst lingering uncertainties, despite the recently released satisfactory results. Meanwhile, the turnover stood at LKR 3.2Bn making a 3.9% decrease from yesterday, however 25.5% increase from the monthly average of LKR 2.5Bn. Significantly, off-the-board transactions accounted for 41.9% of the turnover, indicating substantial involvement from HNWIs. Consumer Durable sector led turnover at 32%, followed by the Banking and Capital Goods sectors jointly contributing to 39% of overall turnover. Moreover, there was notable interest observed in the Hotel sector counters. Foreign investors turned net buyers, recording a net inflow of LKR 772.1Mn.

