

May 27, 2024 "Turnover takes a plunge to a 4 month-low"

The week started with both indices closing in the red, diverging from the previous session's positive trend, ending at 12,311, losing 38 points. This is mainly due to prevailing uncertainties in the country and proceeding with cautious investor stance, in anticipation of the forthcoming CBSL's Monetary Policy meeting announcement scheduled for 28th May 2024. LOLC, COMB, LIOC, MELS and NDB contributed to the index negatively, out shadowing the positive contributors. Meanwhile, turnover hit a 4 monthlow, standing at LKR 494.3Mn, marking an 80% reduction from the monthly average of LKR 2.4Bn. This decline reflects decreased investor participation, recording less than 10,000 trades during the day. Banking sector led turnover at 21%, followed by the Food Beverage and Tobacco and Diversified Financials sectors jointly contributing 39% to the overall turnover. Foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 7.9Mn.

