

"ASPI closes flat WoW, despite the confident booster from the IMF"

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The broader market experienced a dull trading day as investor sentiment remained bearish driven by uncertainties surrounding External Debt Restructuring which caused both indices to close in the red. The Banking sector counters witnessed a down trend today amidst uncertainties while export-oriented companies continued to witness revitalized interest as USD stabilized over LKR 300 levels. Accordingly, ASPI closed at 12,311 loosing 49 points where DIAL, COMB, HNB, LOLC and HAYL emerged as the top negative contributors. Furthermore, selling pressure on DIAL was also observed during the day as the share reached the XD date for LKR 1.34/share announced on 16th Feb-24. Meanwhile with thin trading volumes and mixed participation from both retail investors and HNWIs, turnover stood at LKR 1.3Bn, 17.7% down from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.6Bn. The Capital Goods sector led turnover at 36.4%, followed by the Materials and Consumer Durables sectors jointly contributing to 25.9% of overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net sellers for the 10th consecutive day, with a net outflow of LKR 180.9Mn.

