

June 26, 2024 "Bourse in red ahead of the President's speech"

The Colombo bourse witnessed a bearish sentiment today, reversing positive sentiment seen during the previous trading session as investors opted to stay on the sidelines awaiting President Ranil Wickramasinghe's address to the nation. ASPI remained volatile and failed to keep up its positive momentum as index fell by 12 points (-0.1%) to close the day at 12,261, led by thin activity on index heavyweights. However, several conglomerates and tourism sector counters gained momentum as SL looks to allow borders Visa free entry for travelers from 67 countries. Meanwhile, turnover stood at LKR 1.9Bn, a 13.9% increase from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.6Bn. Off-board transactions contributed 43.3% to the overall turnover and amongst them, a notable transaction was recorded on WIND through four off-board transactions totaling to 22.5Mn shares traded at LKR 19.5, amounting to a stake of c. 1.7%. Utilities sector led turnover with a contribution of 26%, followed by the Capital Goods and Diversified Financials sectors jointly contributing to 37% of overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net buyers, recording a net inflow of LKR 52.6Mn.

