

"ASPI and turnover dip to over a 3-week low"

The signing of the MOUs with the bilateral creditors for a debt deal worth USD 10.0Bn failed to uplift the mood of the CSE, as both indexes dipped and closed in red. Despite the sluggish activities in the market, consumer and energy sector counters attracted slight buying interest, contrasting with the negative impact exerted by heavy weights including HNB, JKH and LOLC. Accordingly, ASPI closed at 12,189, losing 72 points and reaching its lowest level in over three weeks. Notably, investors showed significant buying interest for COCR following yesterday's dividend announcement. Turnover stood at LKR 1.0Bn reaching to over a 3week low, 38.7% down from monthly average standing at LKR 1.6Bn whereas the banking sector led the turnover with a contribution of 20.1%, followed by the Food, Beverage and Tobacco and Diversified Financials sectors jointly contributing to 35.4% of overall turnover. Foreign investors transitioned into net sellers, registering a net outflow of LKR 24.2Mn.

