

"ASPI falls to over a two-half month low amid the panic selling"

The investor confidence on ISB restructuring waned, creating a negative pressure on the buying sentiment of investors in the morning hours and eventually triggered panic selling among investors as both indices closed the day in red with ASPI falling to over a two-month low by 111 points to halt the day at 11,927. However, increased participation of retail investors was observed compared to previous sessions, while participation of foreign investors and HNWIs remained unchanged. Furthermore, most of the sectors witnessed a price decline during the day. Conglomerates and banking sector counters exerted significant negative pressure whereas LOLC, MELS, SAMP, CTC and NTB emerged as the major negative contributors. Meanwhile, turnover stood at LKR 2.0Bn, a 11.4% increase from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.8Bn. Crossing transactions contributed 45.0% to the total turnover and amongst those JKH and SAMP witnessed foreign buying interest. The Capital Goods sector contributed 45.6% to the overall turnover, while the Banking and Diversified Financials sectors jointly contributed 37.5% to the overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 972.4Mn.

