

## "Bourse takes a breather after a 3month high"

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The bourse witnessed a mixed trading session with significant volatility throughout the day and finally ending up by 6 points at 12,171. After a spike in the initial few minutes Bourse registered selling pressure within the 1st hour of trading amidst profit taking primarily in the Banking sector counters. However, towards mid-day Bourse recovered with bargain hunters taking centre stage, but failed to sustain the momentum towards the end of the day. Capital Goods sector led by bluechip heavy weights JKH, HAYL, SPEN led the positive contributors to the index while banking and finance counters HNB, SAMP, LOLC led the negatives list. Turnover recorded a notable dip amidst the slower volumes resulting from lower retail participation stemming from the selling pressure witnessed during the day as it was recorded at LKR 1.4Bn, 29.3% lower than the monthly average of LKR 2.0Bn. Furthermore, 26% of the overall turnover was contributed by the Capital Goods sector whilst 24% of the turnover was contributed by the Banking sector.

