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"A highly volatile trading session wraps up in red"

The bourse experienced a highly volatile trading session with the ASPI moving back and forth between the green and red zones throughout the day. The ASPI remained broadly flat, reporting a mere 3-point contraction, closing at 17,117. However, increased participation was noted among both HNW and retail investors. MELS, SAMP, JKH, COMB and HNB emerged as the top negative contributors to the index. On a positive note, sentiment in the Construction sector, particularly around AEL, showed a notable uptick. The turnover stood at LKR 8.4Bn, marking a 14.2% increase from the monthly average of LKR 7.4Bn. The Capital Goods sector was the most significant contributor to the overall turnover with a 35% share, followed by the Banking, and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors jointly contributing 34%. Foreign investors remained sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 924.0Mn.

