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## "ASPI plunges; Bears take the lead"

The ASPI plunged further down in the red, dropping to 16,456 registering a depletion of 500 points. This marked the highest intra-day loss since 25th of April 2022 where the ASPI plunged by over 600 points. The number of positive contributors remained at a mere 16. with CINS and CARG demonstrating worthwhile contributions. The banking sector exerted noteworthy adverse pressure on the ASPI, with 4 out of the 5 top negative contributors belonging to this segment. Consequently, HNB, COMB, MELS, SAMP and NDB emerged as the top negative contributors to the ASPI. Market turnover stood at LKR 6.4Bn denoting a recovery from LKR 3.0Bn registered in the previous trading session. However, this was still lower than the monthly average of LKR 6.8Bn. The Insurance segment led turnover, contributing by 22%. This was followed by Capital Goods, and Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors, which contributed 35.3%. While investor participation experienced little downturn, the negative sentiment dominated the outcome of today's session. Furthermore, foreign investors emerged as net sellers throughout today's session registering a net outflow of LKR 344.0Mn.

