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## "ASPI plummets again; Investors await fresh cues"

The Colombo Stock Exchange extended its decline for the second consecutive session, with the ASPI experiencing sustained downward pressure throughout the day. The index trended lower during the morning session, and despite a brief attempt at recovery by midday, it remained well below the previous day's closing level. The ASPI closed at 16,345, recording a decline of 221 points. The number of negative contributors increased compared to the previous session, with the Banking sector exerting the most downward pressure. HNB, SAMP, DFCC, MELS, and COMB were the primary negative contributors. In contrast, CTC, RICH, and COOP emerged as the top positive contributors. Market turnover showed a modest improvement, rising to LKR 2.4Bn from LKR 2.1Bn in the previous session. However, it remained significantly below the monthly average of LKR 5.9Bn. The Banking sector led turnover contributions with a 29% share, followed by the Capital Goods, and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors, which collectively accounted for 26% of total turnover.

