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"The ASPI tumbles again, volatility reigns"

The Colombo Stock Exchange was gripped by heightened volatility today, amid subdued investor activity and lower volumes. The ASPI tumbled during the early hours of today's trading session and remained subdued throughout the day though a few mild attempts at recovery were evident. Consequently, the ASPI concluded the day in the red, at 16,672 denoting a downtick of nearly 218 points. The Banking sector exerted noteworthy adverse pressure on the ASPI with HNB, NDB, COMB and DFCC emerging as the top negative contributors alongside CFIN. SEMB, CSF and LLUB were the top positive contributors to the ASPI. Turnover also followed suit. dwindling to LKR 2.1Bn from LKR 3.5Bn registered in the previous session. This marks a 61.2% dip from the monthly average of LKR 5.5Bn. It was the Banking sector that dominated contributions to turnover at 35%. This was followed by Capital Goods and the Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors, which produced a joint contribution of 26%. Finally, foreign investors were net sellers amid dormant participation. The market registered a total outflow of LKR 5.4Mn.

