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"Market momentum stalls, ASPI slips further"

The Colombo Bourse saw a further continuation of the selling and profit-taking sentiment that prevailed over the last couple of days. The ASPI dwindled by 327 points and concluded the day in the red at 16,345. The index spiraled down from the early hours of today's session. While there were signs of a meagre recovery around midday, the downward trend continued to assert dominance as the day progressed. Similar to yesterday, Banking sector counters continued to exert adverse pressure on the ASPI with COMB and HNB standing among the top negative contributors. CINS emerged as the top negative contributor to the index with MELS and LOLC also diffusing noteworthy adverse pressure. Positive contributors remained weak in both number and intensity with GUAR and RIL being the only significant ones. Turnover also remained dormant but registered a small recovery compared to yesterday as it concluded the day at LKR 2.3Bn. However, this was still lower than the monthly average of LKR 5.2Bn. In terms of contributions to turnover, the Banking sector took the lead with a contribution of nearly 30%. This was followed by Capital Goods, and the Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors, which produced a joint contribution of 35%. Finally, foreign investors were net sellers, and the market registered a total outflow of LKR 64.4Mn.

