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## "ASPI quietly climbs amid lackluster trading"

The Colombo Bourse experienced a subtle yet notable turnaround, with the ASPI closing in the green despite tepid activity and diminished turnover. The uptick in the ASPI can likely be attributed to bargain buying, coupled with the potential conclusion of month-end selling typically seen from margin providers. The index finished at 16,431, marking an increase of 86 points. However, volatility remained a key feature throughout the session. While the ASPI showed early gains, it saw a dip around midday, before staging a robust recovery in the latter part of the day, ultimately closing positively. CINS emerged as the top positive contributor to the ASPI, with LOLC and COMB following closely behind. On the flip side, JKH, MELS, and CFVF were the leading negative contributors. Investor participation remained muted. with turnover slipping to LKR 1.7Bn, a decline from both the previous session and the monthly average, which is LKR 4.8Bn. Sector-wise, the Capital Goods sector took the lead in turnover contributions, accounting for 22%, followed by the Banking and Materials sectors, which jointly contributed approximately 37%.

