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## "Colombo Bourse opens March with a profittaking pullback"

The Colombo Bourse entered March on a notably downbeat note, experiencing heightened volatility driven by a palpable profit-taking sentiment. The ASPI saw a short-lived uptick during the opening hours of today's session, only to falter and gradually decline throughout the day. By the close, the index ended in the red at 16,167, marking a drop of approximately 311 points. The Banking sector proved to be the primary source of downward pressure on the ASPI, with HNB, COMB, and NDB among the most significant negative contributors, joined by MELS and BUKI. On the flip side, CTC, SPEN, and AHUN stood out as the top positive contributors. Investor participation remained subdued, with turnover slipping further to LKR 1.5Bn from the previous session's LKR 1.7Bn, a stark contrast to the monthly average of LKR 4.1Bn. The Banking sector dominated turnover contributions, accounting for 28%, while the Capital Goods and Food, Beverage, and Tobacco sectors collectively contributed a solid 35%.

