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"ASPI tumbles again as profit-takers hold sway"

The selling and profit-taking sentiment observed yesterday persisted throughout today's session, leading to a notably volatile trading environment. The ASPI initially experienced a sharp decline in the early hours, followed by a slight recovery around midday. However, the index remained under pressure and gradually edged lower as the session progressed. By the close, the ASPI ended the day in the red at 15,870, marking a drop of approximately 297 points. The Banking sector was the primary contributor to the negative movement, with DFCC, HNB, SAMP, and COMB emerging as the top detractors, alongside CINS. On the flip side, positive contributors were few and relatively limited in impact, with MAL and HELA standing out as the only notable gainers. Market turnover showed signs of recovery, rising to LKR 2.4Bn from the previous session's LKR 1.5Bn. This was still lower than the monthly average of LKR 3.3Bn. The Banking sector led turnover contributions, accounting for 41%, while the Capital Goods and Food, Beverage, and Tobacco sectors collectively contributed 29%.

