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"The Bourse serves mild gains with a side of volatility"

The Colombo Bourse saw yesterday's sentiment largely persist throughout today's session, with the ASPI registering a mild uptick despite noticeable volatility. The index ended the day at 16,479, reflecting a modest gain of approximately 48 points. While the ASPI started on a positive note and surged in the initial hours, it became increasingly volatile as the day wore on yet managed to end the day in the green. The Banking sector played a pivotal role in driving the index higher, with HNB, COMB, and SAMP standing out as the top positive contributors, followed by CTC and LLUB. On the flip side, CFIN, JKH, and DFCC emerged as the top three counters that exerted adverse pressure on the ASPI. Investor participation remained lackluster, with turnover remaining dormant throughout the session. While there was a slight uptick, turnover only reached LKR 1.7Bn, diverging little from yesterday's levels and continuing to lag behind the monthly average of LKR 4.4Bn. The Banking sector led sector-wise turnover contributions, accounting for 45%, followed by the Capital Goods and Food, Beverage, and Tobacco sectors, which collectively contributed 27%.

