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"Retail investors drive sell-offs, causing a market decline" The Colombo bourse experienced yet another

downturn exerted by increased sell offs, closing in the red amid volatility. The ASPI ended at 15,373, steadily declining from the open and shedding 284 points. HNW participation remained subdued, while retail investors were active. Investors demonstrated increased selling pressure brought on from yesterday's tariff announcement by the U.S. The Banking sector dipped by 2.6%, which ultimately contributed to today's overall decline. Negative contributors far outweighed positive ones, with SAMP, COMB, JKH, HNB, and LOLC leading the declines. The turnover stood at LKR 3.2Bn, marking a 71.5% increase from the monthly average of LKR 2.2Bn. The Banking sector was the most significant contributor to the overall turnover with a 31% share, followed by the Capital Goods sector at 22% and the Diversified Financials sector at 12%. Foreign investors remained net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 169.7Mn.

