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"Tariff tremors send CSE tumbling once more"

The Colombo Bourse registered yet another downturn today in the wake of heightened global tensions. Yesterday's brief upswing was swiftly overshadowed by a selling sentiment, as the 44% tariff set by the U.S. is expected to come into effect today, as per the initial announcement. Even within the broader global context, markets plummeted, reflecting similar pessimism. The ASPI declined steadily during the early hours, with volatility persisting throughout the session. By the close, the index had dropped below the 15,000 mark, finishing at 14,876, a loss of 252 points, reflecting a 1.7% decline. The Banking sector remained the key pressure point on the ASPI, SAMP, COMB, and HNB leading the negative charge, alongside HAYL and JKH. Turnover rose to LKR 3.1Bn today, an uptick from yesterday's LKR 2.9Bn, and remained above the monthly average of LKR 2.4Bn. This increase in turnover was largely driven by greater participation from HNW investors. The Capital Goods sector dominated contributions to turnover with a 36% share, followed closely by the Banking sector and the Transportation sector, which together contributed

