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"Market stumbles on thin ice as investor participation dwindles"

The bourse reversed yesterday's momentum as the ASPI saw a sharp dip at the open, followed by gradual recovery amidst volatility, to ultimately close in the red. The ASPI fell 55 points, marking a 0.35% decline to close at 15,526. Tariff tremors eased as the market mainly declined due to low participation from both HNW and retail investors. The top negative contributors to the index were SAMP, NDB, MAL, DFCC and HAYL. Increased activity was noted among selective Diversified Financials sector counters, adding to today's turnover as well. The turnover fell to LKR 1.6Bn, marking a 39.1% decrease from the monthly average of LKR 2.6Bn. The Banking sector was the most significant contributor to the overall turnover with a 28% share, followed by the Diversified Financials sector at 18% and the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector at 14%. Foreign investors turned net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 145.4Mn.

