

The Colombo Stock Exchange closed lower following local government election results that signaled political uncertainty, with no clear majority for the ruling party. The ASPI fell 120 points to close at 15,842, after a volatile session that saw early losses, a brief recovery, and a subsequent decline. Major drags on the index included JKH, CINS, COMB, SPEN, and SAMP. Investor sentiment remained concentrated in the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector, which accounted for 61% of total turnover, reflecting heightened interest despite the broader market weakness. The Capital Goods and Banking sectors followed, jointly contributing 18%. Total turnover reached LKR 3.2Bn, up 24% from the monthly average of LKR 2.6Bn. Foreign investors remained net sellers, recording a net foreign outflow of LKR 67.3Mn.

