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## 'ASPI edges higher as market stabilizes"

The Colombo Stock Exchange closed in positive territory, with the ASPI advancing by 84 points to end at 15,926, rebounding from the previous session's decline. The index experienced a moderate rise in early trading, followed by relatively stable movements throughout the day. Key contributions to the day's gains came from counters such as CINS, CARG, MELS, COMB, and SPEN, collectively driving the index upward. Positive sentiment was observed across the board, with both HNW and retail investors showing active participation. Notably, HNW investors exhibited strong interest in Banking sector stocks. Market activity was largely concentrated in the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector, which accounted for 26% of total turnover. The Banking and Diversified Financials sectors followed, jointly contributing 27%. Overall market turnover stood at LKR 1.7Bn, representing a 35.9% decline compared to the monthly average of LKR 2.6Bn. Foreign investors remained net sellers, registering an outflow of LKR 35.1Mn.

