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## "ASPI rallies on policy rate cut"

The Colombo Stock Exchange extended its upward momentum, with the ASPI gaining 117 points to close at 16,473. The rally followed the CBSL's announcement of an Overnight Policy Rate reduction, which buoyed investor sentiment and led to a steady upward trajectory throughout the session. Key contributors to the index's performance included CARG, MELS, JKH, DIAL, and HHL. HNW and retail investors remained active, with notable HNW interest directed toward Banking sector counters. Market turnover surged to LKR 4.5Bn, marking an 85% increase over the monthly average of LKR 2.5Bn. The Capital Goods sector led activity, accounting for 26% of total turnover, followed by the Diversified Financials and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors, which collectively contributed 30%. Foreign investor participation also showed strength, with a net inflow of LKR 313.4Mn, signaling sustained interest in select equities amid improving macroeconomic signals.

