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"ASPI rallies on HNB stake transaction"

The Colombo Stock Exchange closed on a positive note, with the ASPI gaining 161 points to end the day at 16,658. The index saw a sharp rise during early trading, experienced a brief dip, and regained momentum to finish firmly in the green. HNB emerged as the top contributor to the day's performance, followed by MELS, CTHR, CARG, and COMB. Investor sentiment remained strong, fueled largely by heightened participation from HNW individuals. Interest from HNW investors was particularly prominent in HNB and other Banking sector counters. Market turnover surged to LKR 18.7Bn, well above the monthly average of LKR 2.9Bn, primarily driven by the divestment of a 9.99% stake in HNB by BIL through nine off-board transactions totaling to 45.9Mn shares at LKR 305.0. The Banking sector dominated trading, accounting for 81% of total turnover, while the Capital Goods, and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors collectively contributed 10%. Foreign investors remained net recording foreign net inflow of LKR 203.8Mn.

