

"ASPI ends the winning streak with a 40point decline"

The Colombo Stock Exchange closed in negative territory, ending a nearly two-week upward trend, as the ASPI dropped 40 points to settle at 17,394. Despite opening on a positive note and experiencing modest intraday fluctuations, the market witnessed a sharp downturn toward the end of the session. Key negative contributors to the index included Banking sector counters such as SAMP and COMB, along with HAYL, CARG, and BIL. The session reflected a profit-taking sentiment, with heightened retail selling pressure, while participation from HNW investors remained relatively muted. Notably, selective interest was observed in MGT. Market turnover amounted to LKR 4.2Bn, marking a 7% decline against the monthly average of LKR 4.6Bn. The Capital Goods sector led turnover, accounting for 18% of total activity, followed by the Materials and Diversified Financials sectors, which collectively contributed 29%. Foreign investors were net sellers for the day, recording a net outflow of LKR 56.2Mn, signaling continued caution in the face of prevailing global uncertainties.

