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"Meltdown at the CSE as global tensions spark sell offs"

The Bourse experienced a highly volatile trading day, marked by lower investor engagement compared to previous sessions and widespread profit taking sentiment. The ASPI opened with a steep dip, briefly rebounded, then dropped sharply again before making a moderate climb amid volatility, ultimately ending in the red at 17,427, having shed 234 points. HNB, MELS, DFCC, SAMP and JKH were the key counters that exerted downward pressure on the index. Global geopolitical tensions sparked concern among retail investors, prompting a selling stance that led to price declines. This was later followed by bargain buying, which provided momentary relief to the index. Trading activity was driven by retail participants, while HNW investors displayed more subdued involvement. Turnover reached LKR 4.0Bn, marking a 22% decrease relative to the monthly average of LKR 5.1Bn. The Diversified Financials sector led today's turnover, contributing 25%, followed by the Banking, and Capital Goods sectors, jointly accounting for 33%. Foreign investors turned net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 17.7Mn.

