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## "Bears take charge as market extends its red streak"

The negative sentiment from yesterday carried over into today, as the Colombo Bourse experienced another session marked by selling pressure and lower activity compared to the previous day. The ASPI opened with a decline, briefly showed signs of recovery, but soon reversed course to register continued losses amidst volatility. The index dropped by 211 points to close at 17,071, with HAYL, CTHR, SAMP, DFCC, and HNB emerging as the key counters that exerted negative pressure. Retail and HNW investor participation was subdued with primary interest focused on blue-chip counters such as JKH and VONE. Turnover stood at LKR 3.9Bn, marking a 25% decrease compared to the monthly average of LKR 5.2Bn. The Capital Goods sector led today's turnover, contributing 25%, followed by the Diversified Financials, and Banking sectors, jointly accounting for 38%. Foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 50.6Mn.

