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## "Middle east tensions prompt selling stance in secondary market"

Influenced by heightened middle east tensions, investors in the secondary market adopted a selling stance. The yield curve inched up at the belly end, with overall market activity remaining subdued and generating moderate volumes. Trades were minimal with 01.05.2028 and 01.07.2028 traded at the rates of 8.75% to 8.80% whilst 15.07.2029, 15.09.2029 and 15.12.2029 traded between the rates of 9.45% to 9.55%. Moving ahead of the yield curve, 15.12.2032 traded at the rate of 10.30% whilst 15.09.2034 changed hands at the rate of 10.48%. In the forex market, the LKR depreciated marginally against the greenback, closing at LKR 299.02/USD, compared to the previously seen rate of 298.98/USD. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity in the banking system expanded to LKR 187.5Bn from LKR 178.6Bn in the previous session.













