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"Volatility persists, but market finds its footing"

The Colombo Bourse staged a mild recovery from yesterday's profit-taking, with investors remaining engaged throughout. The market opened under continued selling pressure, carried forward from the previous day, driven by uncertainty surrounding the verdict on U.S. reciprocal tariffs, which prompted investors to resort to further profit taking. The ASPI showcased a declining trend until late morning, after which it saw steady gains as investor sentiment shifted towards a buying stance. The index ultimately closed at 18,148, marking a gain of 47 points. The top positive contributors for the day were JKH, MELS, COMB, HNB and SUN. Today's rally was driven by HNW investors, with crossings in CTHR and CARG accounting for a significant portion of the turnover, while retail investor activity remained moderate. Turnover stood at LKR 6.8Bn, which marks a 31% increase over the monthly average of LKR 5.2Bn. The Food Retailing sector was the top contributor to today's turnover, accounting for a share of 32%. This was followed by the Capital Goods, and Materials sectors, which produced a joint contribution of about 31%. Foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net flow of LKR 17.2Mn.

