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## "Crossings on HNB.X drive turnover to LKR 17.0Bn"

The Colombo Bourse failed to sustain its bullish momentum for the fifth consecutive day, as selling pressure from profit-taking weighed on the market. Key counters such as JKH, HAYL, CFIN, MELS, and RCL pulled the index lower. Despite the selling pressure, the ASPI saw only a modest decline of 61 points, closing at 18,885. A key highlight of the day was the sharp surge in turnover, which hit a high in over one month, reaching LKR 17.0Bn, an increase of 184% compared to the monthly average of LKR 6.0Bn, driven primarily by LKR 10.8Bn worth of HNB.X crossings across 207 trades. Notable high net worth investor participation was observed. The Banking sector dominated activity, accounting for 76% of total turnover, followed by the Capital Goods and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors, which jointly contributed around 10%. Foreign investors turned net buyers with a net inflow of LKR 63.6Mn.

