

"ASPI falls as investors lock in profits"

Reflecting yesterday's selling pressure, the Colombo Bourse experienced a downward trend accompanied by market volatility. The index dropped sharply during the early trading hours but later recovered somewhat due to bargain buying, although it was unable to close in positive territory. Today, the ASPI ended at 19,718, down 68 points. Similar to yesterday, diversified conglomerates such as JKH, MELS, and VONE, along with Banking sector stocks like DFCC and COMB, weighed heavily on the index. Additionally, subdued participation from retail and HNW investors was also observed compared to previous sessions. Amidst limited crossings, daily turnover amounted to LKR 3.3Bn, marking a 53% decrease from the monthly average of LKR 7.1Bn. The Capital Goods sector dominated turnover, contributing 30%, followed by the Banking and Diversified Financial sectors with a combined contribution of 35%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, recording a net outflow of LKR 145.4Mn.

