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## "ASPI on a standstill as bulls and bears clash"

Continuing the mixed sentiment seen over the past few days, the Colombo Bourse experienced a volatile trading session, with the index fluctuating throughout the day. Profit-taking was also observed at midday. However, the index recovered towards the end of the session, closing marginally higher at 19,976 marking a gain of 3 points. Increased participation from retail investors was also noted. Stocks such as CTC, DIAL, HNB, PKME, and LLUB contributed positively to the index's performance. Today's turnover amounted to LKR 4.5Bn, marking a 33% decrease from the monthly average of around LKR 6.6Bn. The Transportation sector dominated turnover, contributing 18% on the back of PKME crossing, followed by the Diversified Financials and Banking sectors with a combined contribution of 31%. Foreign investors turned net buyers with a net inflow of LKR 498.3Mn.

