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## "Materials sector steals the turnover spotlight"

The Colombo Bourse saw a reversal in buying sentiment particularly during the second half of the day, with profit-taking activity evident in the Banking sector counters and Conglomerates. The ASPI closed lower at 20,991, down by 72 points. However, positive momentum was noted in selected Hotels sector counters ahead of the seasonal period. Additionally, there was increased participation from high-net-worth investors in selected Materials sector stocks. The index's decline was underpinned by the negative contributions from CTC, SAMP, NDB, COMB and JKH. While both retail and high-net-worth investor participation was high during the session today, market turnover stood at LKR 7.5Bn, representing a 9% increase compared to the monthly average of LKR 6.9Bn. The Materials sector led turnover contributions with a 34% share, while the Capital Goods and Consumer Services sectors collectively accounted for 29% of the day's total turnover. Foreign investors turned net buyers, recording a net inflow of LKR 97.0Mn.

