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"Selling storm drags market down"

The Colombo Stock Exchange witnessed a volatile day of trading with investors demonstrating a profit booking appetite. The ASPI edged lower as it dropped 15 points to close at 20,976. The index showed positive movement during the early trading hours but soon came under selling pressure, pulling it lower. It later recovered, but closed below yesterday's level, succumbing to the intraday volatility observed today. Banks emerged as the top draggers, with HNB, NDB and COMB leading the declines, alongside RICH and JKH. Retail and HNW investors showed moderate levels of engagement which resulted in a market turnover of LKR 6.5Bn, which is broadly on par with the monthly average that stands at LKR 6.9Bn. The Consumer Durables & Apparel sector led turnover contributions with a 20% share, while the Consumer Services, and Capital Goods sectors stood next in line, with a collective contribution of 31%. Foreign investors remained net buyers, recording a net inflow of LKR 53.3Mn.

