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"ASPI weathers volatility to close steady"

The Colombo Bourse witnessed a highly volatile trading session, underpinned by heightened investor activity as positive market sentiment continued to remain strong. The ASPI closed broadly unchanged at 20,715, in line with the previous close. The index gained upward momentum during early trading hours but saw a sharp decline as selling pressure intensified. A gradual recovery followed, supported by bargain buying, which helped the index stabilize by the end of the session. Positive contributors to the index marginally outweighed negative ones, with DIAL, SUN, RCL, COOP and GREG leading the way. Retail and HNW investors remained notably active, pushing daily turnover to LKR 10.5Bn which marks a 69% increase compared to the monthly average of around LKR 6.2Bn. The Banking sector dominated turnover, contributing 31%, followed by the Consumer Services sector at 17% and the Food, Beverage and Tobacco sector at 16%. Foreign investors remained net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 552.6Mn.

