

"Selling Pressure Drags Colombo Bourse Lower"

The Colombo Bourse remained subdued during the first half of the session but saw selling pressure emerge in the latter half, ultimately closing in negative territory with a loss of 80 points to end at 22,292. Retail participation remained strong, while HNW activity continued to be subdued. The decline was mainly driven by Banks and Conglomerates, with SAMP, HNB, MELS, JKH, and CTHR emerging as the key negative contributors to the index.Turnover amounted to LKR 5.6Bn, reflecting a 20% drop compared to the monthly average of LKR 7.0Bn. The Diversified Financials sector led turnover, contributing 30%, while the Capital Goods and Banking sectors collectively accounted for 29%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, recording a net outflow of LKR 331.3Mn.

