

"ASPI retreats amid profit-taking pressure"

The Colombo Bourse witnessed mixed sentiment throughout the session, ultimately closing in negative territory as the ASPI declined by 38 points to settle at 22,813 amid heightened profit-taking. Retail participation remained strong, while notable HNW interest was observed in blue-chip counters. Key negative contributors to the index included HARI, SAMP, MELS, SFCL, and CARG. Market turnover amounted to LKR 6.2Bn, approximately 18% below the monthly average of LKR 7.5Bn. The Capital Goods sector dominated activity, accounting for 23% of total turnover, while the Diversified Financials and Banking sectors collectively contributed 31%. Meanwhile, foreign investors remained net buyers for the day, recording a modest net inflow of LKR 25.9Mn.

