

"Cautious trading weighs on indices for second straight session"

The Colombo Bourse extended its decline for a second consecutive session, with the ASPI easing by 24 points to close at 22,789. Despite an early uptick in the index, investor sentiment remained cautious, resulting in a subdued trading session. Retail participation was moderate, while HNW interest was mainly focused on Banking and blue-chip counters. Key negative contributors to the index included CTHR, CFIN, RICH, SFCL, and BUKI. Market turnover stood at LKR 5.8Bn, approximately 23% below the monthly average of LKR 7.5Bn. The Capital Goods sector led activity, accounting for 25% of total turnover, followed by the Banking and Health Care Equipment sectors, which collectively contributed another 27%. Meanwhile, foreign investors remained net buyers, posting a net inflow of LKR 176.6Mn for

