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**BANGLADESH SIGNS DEFENSE DEAL WITH CHINA TO MANUFACTURE DRONES LOCALLY**

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The Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) signed an agreement with the China Electronics Technology Group Corporation International (CETC) to build a drone manufacturing and assembly plant in Bangladesh, along with technology transfer, the military's media wing ISPR said in a statement late Tuesday.

Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan attended the signing ceremony along with CETC officials and other defense officials at the BAF headquarters in the capital Dhaka.

Under the agreement, BAF and CETC International will jointly set up a state-of-the-art UAV manufacturing and assembly facility in Bangladesh.

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