Draft deal prepared to purchase China's J-10CE fighter jets

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The Bangladesh government has made significant progress in the process of purchasing China-made J-10CE fighter jets. A draft agreement for the purchase has been prepared, said Zahed Ur Rahman, the Prime Minister's Adviser on Information and Broadcasting.

He disclosed the information to journalists at a press conference held at the Secretariat on Tuesday (August 25) on the progress of various government activities.

Regarding the purchase of J-10CE fighter jets, Zahed Ur Rahman said recent developments have provided an opportunity to assess the aircraft's capabilities in actual combat conditions. He said it is now established that India's Rafale fighter jets were shot down by Chinese-made J-10 aircraft during the India-Pakistan conflict. The Rafale is considered one of the most advanced fourth-generation-plus fighter jets, while the J-10 demonstrated strong performance against it in a combat situation.

He said Bangladesh is therefore attaching importance to purchasing China's J-10CE fighter jets and that work on the matter is progressing well.

Regarding the price of the fighter jets, Zahed Ur Rahman said Chinese-made fighter aircraft are significantly cheaper than European fighters such as the Rafale and Eurofighter Typhoon with comparable standards and capabilities.