Rohingya Crisis Now a Threat to National Security: Home Minister

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Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has said that the Rohingya crisis has now turned into a complex and sensitive issue for the country.

He made the remarks on Saturday during a courtesy meeting with UN Resident Coordinator Carol Flore-Smereczniak at the Home Ministry office in the Secretariat.

During the meeting, both sides discussed law and order, the Rohingya issue, Bangladesh Police participation in UN peacekeeping missions, implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as trade and investment matters.

The Home Minister said Bangladesh has always believed in peaceful and sustainable migration policies. However, he noted that the Rohingya situation is now posing a major challenge to national security.

He also stressed that international cooperation and the role of the United Nations are crucial in addressing the crisis. At the same time, he said the ongoing humanitarian assistance for the Rohingyas remains insufficient compared to the actual needs.

The UN Resident Coordinator said the organization would continue working as a partner in Bangladesh's development journey, including efforts related to the Rohingya crisis. She also sought opinions on potential areas for expanding cooperation.

Highlighting the contributions of the Bangladesh Army and Police in UN peacekeeping missions, the Home Minister said their participation has enhanced the country's image internationally.