Bangladesh Positive About Joining Mecca Pact: Foreign Minister

Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman. Photo: collected

Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman has said Bangladesh would positively consider joining the Mecca Pact if invited. He said the pact is a mechanism for the self-defence of the global Muslim community and is an internal matter among Muslim countries.

supplementary question during Thursday's (August 27) session of Parliament, chaired by Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmed Bir Bikram.

Independent MP Rumin Farhana asked what benefits Bangladesh would gain by joining the Mecca Pact, which was signed by Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan on August 7.

In response, the foreign minister said the Mecca Pact has so far been concluded among the three countries. The issue of including Bangladesh has not yet been raised. If the member states express interest in including Bangladesh, the government will consider the matter positively, he said.

He also said the time has not yet come to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the pact. Khalilur Rahman said that if the pact expands in the future, it could serve as a mechanism for the self-defence of the global Muslim community.