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ECDC President Expresses Sympathy, Dismay Over Tragedy at Binghamton Civic Center

For caseworkers, volunteers and others engaged in providing services to refugee and immigrant newcomers to the United States, the tragic assault Friday on the American Civic Association in Binghamton, New York, has produced sympathy, shock and dismay, says ECDC President Tsehaye Teferra.

“Because of our shared experiences and commitments, we feel a special bond with the victims and families of the 13 people massacred in another senseless act of violence.” Teferra said. “That the slaughter took place in a center dedicated to citizenship training and language development, by an obviously troubled former immigrant, is at once shocking and dismaying. We join the national family of refugee and immigrant advocates and supporters in expressing our deepest sympathy to the Civic Association and the citizens of Binghamton.”

The Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) is a community-based, non-profit organization that is dedicated to resettling refugees, promoting cultural, educational, and socio-economic development in the refugee community in the United States, and conducting humanitarian and development programs in the Horn of Africa. Since 1983, ECDC has worked to help establish stronger and more culturally appropriate services for the United States refugee community and continues to pursue programs that will help newcomers become productive members of their new American communities.

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