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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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| <p>MOHAMMAD ABU-ARQOUB,</p> <p>Petitioner,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney General,</p> <p>Respondent.</p> |
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No. 04-75411

Agency No. A73-883-200

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted March 18, 2008**

Before: CANBY, T.G. NELSON, and BEA, Circuit Judges.

Mohammad Abu-Arqoub petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order summarily affirming an immigration judge's ("IJ") decision

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

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denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence and will uphold the agency's decision unless the evidence compels a contrary conclusion. *See INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 481 (1992). We deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the IJ's determination that Abu-Arqoub failed to establish that he was or would be targeted on account of a statutorily protected ground. *See id.* at 482-84; *see also Kebede v. Ashcroft*, 366 F.3d 808, 812 (9th Cir. 2004) (“[A] petitioner alleging persecution must present some evidence, direct or circumstantial, of the persecutor's motive.”) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Accordingly, Abu-Arqoub has failed to establish eligibility for asylum or withholding of removal. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.