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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

APOLINARIO RAMIREZ-MENDEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 05-73424

Agency No. A78-460-416

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted June 18, 2008**

Before: REINHARDT, LEAVY, and CLIFTON, Circuit Judges.

Apolinario Ramirez-Mendez, a native and citizen of Guatemala, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an

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

immigration judge's decision denying his application for withholding of removal. Our jurisdiction is governed by 8 U.S.C. § 1252. Reviewing for substantial evidence, *see Hoxha v. Ashcroft*, 319 F.3d 1179, 1181 n.4 (9th Cir. 2003), we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the denial of Ramirez-Mendez's withholding of removal claim because he failed to establish that the harm he suffered rose to the level of persecution, *see id.* at 1182 (concluding that harassment, threats, and one beating unconnected with any particular threat did not compel finding of past persecution), or that it is more likely than not that he will be persecuted in the future, *see Rostomian v. INS*, 210 F.3d 1088, 1089 (9th Cir. 2000) (denying relief because widespread random violence or general civil strife is insufficient to establish well-founded fear of persecution).

In light of our disposition, we need not reach Ramirez-Mendez's remaining contentions relating to family membership and political opinion.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.