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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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GUSTAVO ADOLFO TORRES-ABRIL; et
al.,

Petitioners,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

No. 06-75247

Agency Nos. A095-192-609

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MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted April 13, 2009**

Before: GRABER, GOULD, and BEA, Circuit Judges.

Gustavo Adolfo Torres-Abril, his wife Yeheyeni Pinzon, and their minor children, natives and citizens of Colombia, petition for review the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing their appeal from an immigration judge's ("IJ") decision denying their application for asylum, withholding of removal, and

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

protection under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence the agency’s factual findings. *Fedunyak v. Gonzales*, 477 F.3d 1126, 1127 (9th Cir. 2007). We grant the petition for review.

The IJ erroneously concluded that at least one threat to Torres-Abril was made by a business competitor of Torres-Abril’s employer. However, Torres-Abril never testified that the competing business threatened him. Rather, the record shows that after Torres-Abril formally objected to a military contract, he began receiving threatening phone calls from the military. Based on this misunderstanding, the IJ found that the events constituted a private dispute and that there was no nexus to a protected ground. Therefore, substantial evidence does not support the IJ’s nexus finding because threats against Torres-Abril may not have been based on a private contract dispute.

Accordingly, we remand for further proceedings consistent with this disposition. *See INS v. Ventura*, 537 U.S. 12, 16-18 (2002) (per curiam).

PETITION FOR REVIEW GRANTED; REMANDED.