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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

AMARA KAMARA,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 07-72032

Agency No. A095-400-536

MEMORANDUM*

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

Argued and Submitted June 9, 2011
Seattle, Washington

Before: REINHARDT, W. FLETCHER, and RAWLINSON, Circuit Judges.

Amara Kamara, a native and citizen of the Sierra Leone, petitions for review of the BIA's decision denying his petition for asylum, withholding of removal, CAT protection, and humanitarian asylum. We deny the petition for review.

The BIA found that Kamara was not credible because, among other things, he testified inconsistently about his father's death and his mother's behavior after

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his father was killed. Because his father's death was a central event in Kamara's claim of persecution, any significant, unexplained discrepancies in his testimony about it go to the heart of his claim. *Chebchoub v. INS*, 257 F.3d 1038, 1043 (9th Cir. 2001).

Kamara said at some points that his father was killed when he attempted to keep RUF rebels from entering the family compound, and at other points that he was killed for refusing to join the rebel forces. Kamara also gave different versions of his mother's reaction before admitting that he did not know what had happened to her. Although Kamara was given many chances to reconcile the inconsistent statements, he did not do so. The record does not compel reversal of the BIA's conclusion that Kamara's inability to describe one of the central events in his history indicated that he was not testifying credibly. *See Don v. Gonzales*, 476 F.3d 738, 741-42 (9th Cir. 2007).

Because substantial evidence supports the BIA's adverse credibility finding, Kamara has not shown that he is entitled to asylum, withholding of removal, CAT protection, or humanitarian asylum.

PETITION DENIED.