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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

VICTOR HUGO RENOJ-ALDANA,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 11-72857

Agency No. A070-776-004

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted September 10, 2012**

Before: WARDLAW, CLIFTON, and N.R. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

Victor Hugo Renoj-Aldana, a native and citizen of Guatemala, petitions pro se for review of the decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals, dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying his application of asylum.

We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence

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

the agency's factual findings, *Zehatye v. Gonzales*, 453 F.3d 1182, 1184-85 (9th Cir. 2006), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's conclusion that Renoj-Aldana failed to establish past persecution arising from his mistreatment by guerrillas. *See INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 482 (refusal to join an organization does not amount to a political opinion). Substantial evidence also supports the BIA's finding that Renoj-Aldana failed to establish an objectively reasonable well-founded fear of future persecution. *See Molina-Estrada v. INS*, 293 F.3d 1089, 1095-96 (9th Cir. 2002). Accordingly, Renoj-Aldana's asylum claim fails.

Renoj-Aldana's claim that the IJ failed to advise him concerning his payment of a voluntary departure bond is not supported by the record.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.