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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JIAZENG ZHAO,

Petitioner,

v.

LORETTA E. LYNCH, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 13-70795

Agency No. A099-725-672

MEMORANDUM*

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

Argued and Submitted November 5, 2015
Pasadena, California

Before: GRABER and GOULD, Circuit Judges, and DANIEL,** Senior District
Judge.

Jiazeng Zhao petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals's
order denying him asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the
Convention Against Torture. We deny the petition.

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

** The Honorable Wiley Y. Daniel, Senior District Judge for the U.S.
District Court for Colorado, sitting by designation.

1. At oral argument, counsel conceded that the petition may be denied as to Zhao's alleged resistance to China's one-child policy.

2. While Zhao alleges that the police beat him because of his political opinion regarding the government's complicity in an unfair eviction scheme, "the record does not compel us to hold that [Zhao] was attacked on account of" a statutorily protected ground. *Regalado-Escobar v. Holder*, 717 F.3d 724, 730 (9th Cir. 2013). Zhao's argument is plausible, but it is also plausible that the government punished Zhao for overstaying or squatting in a residence from which he had been evicted after receiving compensation. Our standard of review is stringent, and Zhao is entitled to relief only if the record compels the conclusion that his version of the facts is correct. On this record, we defer to the agency's decision because the record doesn't compel us to credit Zhao's argument.

Petition DENIED.