

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 03-1535

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HANNA YIMAM,

Petitioner,

versus

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General,

Respondent.

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On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals. (A76-949-003)

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Submitted: October 31, 2003                      Decided: February 10, 2004

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Before MICHAEL, MOTZ, and SHEDD, Circuit Judges.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Aragaw Mehari, Washington, D.C., for Petitioner. Peter D. Keisler, Assistant Attorney General, Richard M. Evans, Assistant Director, Carolyn M. Piccotti, Office of Immigration Litigation, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit. See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Hana Yimam, a native and citizen of Ethiopia, petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"). The order affirmed, without opinion, the immigration judge's order denying Yimam's applications for asylum and withholding of removal. We deny the petition for review.

Yimam challenges the immigration judge's finding that she failed to demonstrate a well-founded fear of future persecution. The decision to grant or deny asylum relief is conclusive "unless manifestly contrary to the law and an abuse of discretion." 8 U.S.C. § 1252(b)(4)(D) (2000). We conclude that the record supports the immigration judge's conclusion that Yimam failed to establish her eligibility for asylum. See 8 C.F.R. § 1208.13(a) (2003); Gonahasa v. INS, 181 F.3d 538, 541 (4th Cir. 1999). As the decision in this case is not manifestly contrary to law, we cannot grant the relief that Yimam seeks. Accordingly, we deny Yimam's petition for review. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED