

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-60259
Summary Calendar

YASSIN SHEIK HAMUD,

Petitioner,

versus

JOHN ASHCROFT,
U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Respondent.

Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals
BIA No. A77 008 260

March 7, 2003

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, SMITH, and CLEMENT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Yassin Sheik Hamud is a native of Somalia who attempted to enter this country in May 1999 with a fraudulent passport. This fraud was discovered, and removal proceedings were instituted against him. He conceded deportability and sought asylum, withholding of removal, and, in the alternative, voluntary departure. After conducting a hearing, an immigration judge denied all of his claims and ordered him removed from the United

* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

States. The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) dismissed Hamud's appeal pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 3.1(d)(2)(i)(D) because he failed to file a brief or statement after indicating that he would do so in his notice of appeal. Hamud now petitions this court for review of the BIA's decision. Hamud has failed to brief, and has thus waived, the central issue whether the BIA erred in summarily dismissing his appeal. See Strong v. BellSouth Telecomms. Inc., 137 F.3d 844, 853 (5th Cir. 1998). Because he has waived this issue, he has not shown that the BIA erred in relying on 8 C.F.R. § 3.1(d)(2)(i)(D) to summarily dismiss his appeal. Accordingly, his petition for review is DENIED.