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Charles R. Fulbruge III  
Clerk

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 02-60659  
Summary Calendar

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AZIZ ZAVAHER,

Petitioner,

versus

JOHN ASHCROFT, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Respondent.

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Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals  
A76-901-344

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Before BARKSDALE, EMILIO M. GARZA, and DENNIS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Aziz Zavaher, a citizen of Iran, petitions for review of an order from the Board of Immigration Appeals' affirming, without opinion, the immigration judge's decision to deny his application for asylum and withholding of removal. Zavaher contends the BIA erred by upholding the IJ's credibility determinations and by failing to give weight to his own documentary evidence and

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

corroborative testimony. The IJ determined that Zavaheer failed to present a credible application for asylum after viewing Zavaheer's demeanor and examining inconsistencies and implausibilities in Zavaheer's testimony and application.

"We give great deference to an IJ's decisions concerning an alien's credibility." **Efe v. Ashcroft**, 293 F.3d 899, 903 (5th Cir. 2002). In this regard, we have made it emphatically clear that we "will not review decisions turning purely on the immigration judge's assessment of the alien petitioner's credibility". **Chun v. I.N.S.**, 40 F.3d 76, 78 (5th Cir. 1994)(quotation omitted). Based on our review of the record, we conclude that the IJ's decision is supported by substantial evidence and the record does not "compel[]" a contrary conclusion. **Id.**

**DENIED**