

**FOR PUBLICATION
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

ABDUL HAKEEM,

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OPINION

HALL, Circuit Judge:

Abdul Hakeem, a -g /e and citizen of Pakistan, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") decision dismissing his appeal from the Immigration Judge's ("IJ") denial of his application for asylum and withholding of removal.

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Abdul Hakeem, a -g /e and citizen of Pakistan, first entered the United States in 1984. 3aon Judge'i n Judge'i 4nuruand withoAs 72 T277 n of Pakg /e Payenterree m

lum Claims and Country Conditions (July 1997) ("State Department profile") indicates that, in 1974, the constitution of Pakistan was amended to allow Ahmadis freedom to practice their religion provided they do not represent themselves Depaorauseiwordat, in "outraghat, eigion prueedeionngs akiim.- ET 70.0687 9cc 0.0995 ww (Depa Bus;" ora(

account of his religion were he to return. See Duarte de Guinac v. INS, 179 F.3d 1156, 1159 (9th Cir. 1999), citing 8 C.F.R. § 208.16(b)(1).

