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Docket: IMM-19112-24

Citation: 2025 FC 1509

Toronto, Ontario, September 11, 2025

PRESENT: The Honourable Justice Battista

BETWEEN:

BEKZOD JINAIDOV

Applicant

and

THE MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Respondent

JUDGMENT AND REASONS (delivered orally from the bench on September 11, 2025)

- [1] The Applicant applies for judicial review of the Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) decision to dismiss the appeal of his refused refugee claim.
- [2] The Applicant advanced a fear of persecution in Kazakhstan after experiencing two arrests and extortion attempts by the police.
- [3] While the RAD mysteriously identified the main issue as credibility, the reasons addressed

all of the grounds advanced in the appeal that were raised by the Applicant's previous counsel. Reasonableness review is not a "line-by-line treasure hunt for error" and, read holistically, it is possible to follow the analysis undertaken by the RAD (*Canada (Citizenship and Immigration) v Vavilov*, 2019 SCC 65 (*Vavilov*) at paras 100, 101, 103).

- [4] The RAD grasped the Applicant's argument that the motive behind the extortion by the police was the fact that he was perceived as wealthy based on his return from abroad, and that he was a member of the Tajik minority.
- [5] The RAD concluded, based on the evidence before it, that the extortion was better explained by the prevalence of general corruption by the Kazakhstani authorities. It is not the role of a court on judicial review to reweigh and reassess the evidence before a decision maker, (*Vavilov* at para 125) and the RAD's conclusion is reasonable.
- [6] In written argument, the Applicant argued that the RAD erred by failing to consider the intersectionality of the Applicant's profiles as a Tajik and as a person perceived to be wealthy after working abroad as motivating factors behind the police extortion. However, this argument was not raised by previous counsel before the RAD, and consequently the RAD's decision was not unreasonable for failing to address it.
- [7] The application is dismissed because the RAD decision is reasonable.

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