

Boko Haram kills commander over plan to free 300 victims

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Members of Boko Haram sect

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A commander in Mamman Nur, a Boko Haram faction, Ali Garga, has been assassinated for acts of treachery.

According to a source, Garga planned to lead 300 captives into freedom before his plan was exposed.

He was subsequently arrested and killed by other commanders still loyal to the Mamman Nur faction of the terrorist group.

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The source said Garga also planned to surrender to the military.

The source told *SUNDAY PUNCH* on Saturday that Garga was killed on Thursday by other commanders loyal to Mamman Nur's faction who got wind of the plan.

Garga, a Fulani man from Taraba State, was forced to join Mamman Nur three years ago after his cows were seized by Boko Haram on the fringes of the Lake Chad.

The source added, "The terrorist group trained Garga on how to fight and engage in combat operations.

"He also possessed an extraordinary ability to know the terrain because he was a herdsman. This made him reach the level of a commanding officer at the Mamman Nur faction.

"Garga was not interested in holding captives for ransom like others. What was paramount to him was getting his livestock back and continuing the life of a herdsman and being allowed to reunite with his family."

The source said before Garga was killed, he was in touch with a foreign influencer who planned to rescue him and others.

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