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To what extent has the leadership and security structures influenced the rise and fall of the Boko Haram insurgency in Northern Nigeria

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Abstract:

My rationale for selecting this research question is specifically due to the current decline of the Boko Haram insurgency within Northern Nigeria and how this has come about, as well as why people have in the past resorted to such unprecedented violence and today are finding another avenue in order to move forward. This research paper will help me further my understanding as to the reasons why Boko Haram had such an ambitious and destructive rise and today are slowly starting to lose their grip. The question I am asking myself is, why has Boko Haram's insurgency decreased in popularity and what are the other options people have resorted to in order to fill the void.