



DATAPHERNES

DATAPHERNES (Gk. Dataphérnēs < Ir. *Dāta-farnah- "to whom *farnah*- [i.e. grace and glory] is given," also reflected in Babylonian Da-da-pir-na', Da-da-a-pa-ar-na' and El. Da-tap-par-na, Da-ud-da-pa-ir-na and variants), name of an Iranian (perhaps Bactrian) officer in the entourage of **Bessos**, murderer of **Darius III** (336-30 B.C.E.). Although he was one of Bessos' confidants, in the spring of 329 B.C.E. he volunteered, together with Spitamenes, to arrest his master and turn him over to **Alexander the Great**, though in the end he did not do so (Arrian, *Anabasis* 3.29.6-30.1, following Ptolemaeus; for another version, following Aristobulus, cf. Arrian, *Anabasis* 3.30.5; for more details, see Curtius Rufus, 7.5.21-26). Having joined in this treachery and an uprising led by Spitamenes, after the assassination of the latter he was delivered to Alexander by the **Dahae** (Curtius Rufus, 8.3.16).

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