

Onumah triggers discourse on federalism

JOURNALIST and human rights activist Chido Onumah is out with a new book, *We Are All Biafrans*.

This book, published by Parrésia Publishers Ltd, seeks to trigger the debate that will eventually nudge Nigerians towards kick-starting the process of a genuine re-invention of Nigeria.

A staunch advocate of federalism in its proper sense, Onumah, in his book, raises fundamental questions: What is Nigeria and who is a Nigerian? If Nigeria is a federal republic, what constitutes or should constitute the federating units?

As he did in his previous books, he makes a case for the socio-political restructuring of Nigeria, while arguing that the country

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needs to engage episodic political convulsions that threaten its very foundation, including Biafra, June 12, Boko Haram, the "National Question", citizenship rights, and "militocracy".

Onumah, who is also a blogger and Coordinator of the African Centre for Media and Information Literacy, posits that the different manifestation of Biafra may well be a metaphor and, to that extent, "we are all Biafrans as long as we seek to confront the clear and present danger".

The book will be formerly presented at

the Yar'adua Centre, Abuja by Parrésia Publishers Ltd and AFRICMIL in partnership with Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Foundation on Tuesday, May 31. The event is expected to draw Nigerians from all walks of life and is billed as a platform to reinforce the debate about federalism and national reconciliation.

"The book is a compilation of my articles published in traditional and online newspapers in the last three years (2013 to 2016), is divided into five chapters".

It is focusing on the crisis of nationhood in Nigeria. It has five chapters, namely: "The Politics of 2015", "Dancing on the Brink", "Unmaking Nigeria", "Of Scoundrels and Statesmen", and "Last 'Missionary' Journey".

