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Do the events in Ondo and Oyo states remind us of anything?

For me, it does. First, the gradual but sure erosion of the sovereignty of our nation-state. Note: I exaggerate the meaning of sovereignty here: that ultimate power of the state that resides in the people.

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Our sovereignty is a fiction as it doesn't lie in the people; it lies in the cabal - a fiendish cohort, gang of criminals who have captured the nation - state.

Secondly, it highlights the Yugoslavia-tion of Nigeria. Or what my friend @ChidiOdinkalu describes as the

gradual restructuring of Nigeria. How can restructure happen without it being noticed? We've to look in the direction of Yugoslavia to understand how 6 ethnic nations - with same language (Serbio-Crotia) - were forced into a union and how centrifugal & centripetal forces worked

to destroy it or knolled the death's knell as someone described it earlier on my timeline.

Inspite of, three issues are emerging from the Ondo and Oyo saga:

1. The reassertion of the civic public - or what I call the civil activia - the active civic.

Here, there is a growing insistence by the people on the sovereignty of the people: the people have become the counterweight to forceful power and are resisting attempt by power to determine state protection. Sunday Igboho represents this

2. The devolution of power from the center to the states. Here, there is the insistence by the subnational state to own and resolves its local problem by deploying local state resources. Akeredolu and Makinde represent this!

3. The third is that of a single voice of Attahiru Jega; but it represents a gradual shift of the position of the intelligentsia of the north. To him, restructure is a reality (not the ideal); and all we have to agree on, is the "how, where and when".

Is it a coincidence that the media organ of the north, Daily Trust, organised a conference on restructuring in which he spoke? I don't think it is, considering that paper's editor's (Mahmud Jega) famous narrowing of restructuring to curbing northern advantages

Whatever direction the gradual erosion of the sovereignty of the state takes, whatever becomes of the restructuring already taking place that Chidi correctly observed, we have to learn from the balkans.

It is never late.

Good afternoon from the holy of hollies of the shrine