

“The Mbaka / Buhari Story and Readers’ Comments.”

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I have lived in Nigeria for 30 years and have been deeply involved in Nigerian life and culture. See my Missionary Memoirs at www.SocialTheology.com/boeriana.htm, the very first item on that page after the Introduction.

I offer these comments about the Mbaka/Buhari story itself and about the readers' comments.

(1) In principle, clergy should speak as Onaiyekan explains it, provided other church members speak up bravely for justice, etc. If there is a lack of clear Christian prophetic courageous voices, then the clergy may need to step in and fill the vacuum--or do a better job of training their parishioners. However, this must be done carefully without causing disunity in the flock.

(2) As to readers' comments, it sounds as if all Nigerians hate each other. Why not write a little more respectfully? Is it because all the writers are from different tribes?

(3) We must all be thankful that we can express ourselves so freely about those in power without expecting security to knock on our doors. It is a privilege, nay right, that citizens of many countries do not enjoy without endangering themselves.