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It is a path fraught with humiliation, harassment and pain, and persons with hunchbacks have unpleasant tales to tell in their lifetime. They are said not to have peace even at death, particularly in Yoruba communities in Kwara State.

Ayisat, a 48-year-old woman with a hunch was a successful trader resident at Atiran, Ifelodun Local Government Area. Early in 2013, she suddenly disappeared without trace, causing apprehension in the rural community. A few

## Sad tale of hunch-back people

### • Why they are buried secretly in Kwara communities

weeks later, it was discovered that the woman who had been sick of an undisclosed ailment, died on May 4, 2013, and buried, albeit secretly.

In Gaa Aiyekoto, a community close to Arandun in Irepodun Local Government, a hunched farmer, Jimoh Hassan, aged 56, was

interred in unclear circumstances after he died on February 24, 2006. Another hunch identified as Femi, a businessman, also shared the same fate after his death on December 16, 2016, in an auto crash on a trip to Lagos, according to residents of Omu-Aran, headquarters of

Irepodun L.G, where he hailed.

The secret burial of the trio of Ayisat, Jimoh and Femi, is just one of the ill-fates suffered by persons with hunch, whose family members fear might have their bodies interred upright or

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