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0.) Photographer posing with qeej players.



1.) Close relatives weep over the body of the deceased.



2.) The qeej player begins the journey of the soul.



3.) Women are constantly at Por Thao's side; consoling his soul.



4.) Elderly qeej player continues throughout the night



5.) Relatives of the deceased formally give thanks to the man in the middle, who has helped with the funeral.



6.) Qeej player guides the soul on it's journey.



7.) Young qeej player who recently came from Thailand.



8.) Qeej player leads the soul through the gates of war.



9.) Returning to the family's home for lunch.



10.) Sending paper spirit money to the heavens so the deceased can live well in the afterlife.



11.) Before the burial the body is checked for metal or other foreign objects that might leave a curse on the family.



12.) The body is lowered into the grave.



13.) Each member of the family shows their support by throwing a few shovelfulls of dirt over the casket.



14.) The family looks on as the crane's arm finishes the burial.



15.) Coming across the grave of a deceased relative two women immediately react.



16.) Divining for the final ascent of the soul.