

# Sipho Bani (1927 - 2017)

It is with great sadness that the Black Sash has learnt of the passing of Mr Sipho Bani. He was 90 years old.

The Black Sash would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Mrs Bani and the rest of the family.



Mr Bani was a kind, gentle, generous and fearless soul. He joined the Black Sash Hands Off our Grants (HOOG) campaign after spending several months, at great cost to himself, trying to get assistance to dispute unlawful, fraudulent and unauthorised deductions from his 'SASSA branded' Grindrod bank account.

Mr Bani willingly shared his story to help put the scourge of unlawful deductions on the national news agenda so that the plight of social grant beneficiaries would be heard.

Until the last days of his life, he courageously spoke truth to power ensuring that the challenges facing social grant beneficiaries could no longer be ignored.

Thank you for standing up for those who could not speak for themselves!

We will miss you. May your soul rest in peace.

Hamba kahle Mr Bani...