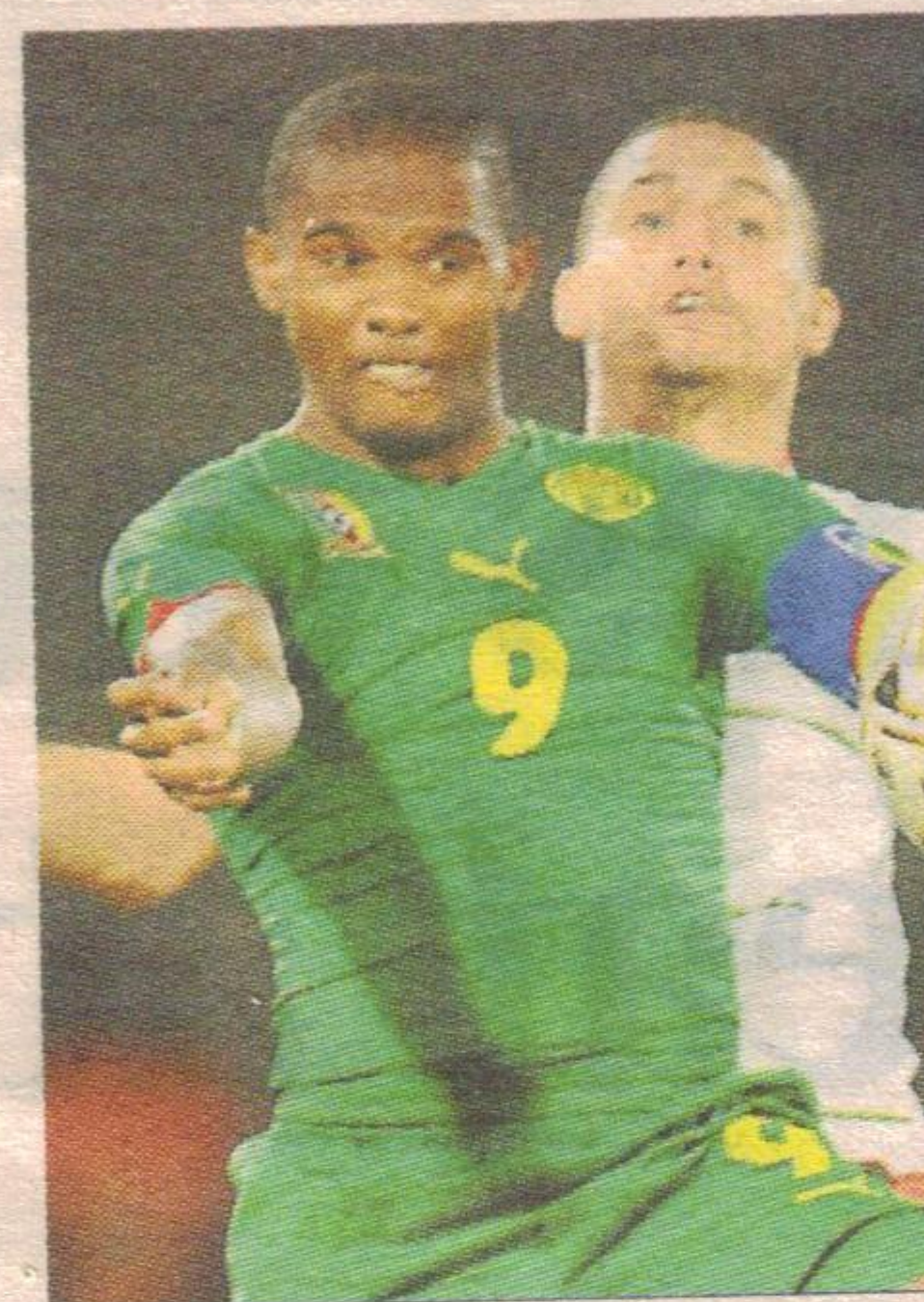


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## All set for Shoe4Africa race

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A school named in honour of former world 800 metres champion Janeth Jepkosgei was opened in Nandi County yesterday ahead of today's Shoe 4 Africa women's road race in Iten.

Athletics Kenya national chairman, Isaiah Kiplagat, and the founder of Shoe4Africa, Toby Tanser, led residents of Kabirirsang village in the official opening of Janeth Jepkosgei Shoe4Africa Primary School, Kapsumbeiywo.

Shoe4Africa spent Sh8 million on the project that has an administration block and classrooms.

Kiplagat challenged other renowned athletes to plough back into their communities par of the proceeds from their sporting activities.

"Athletes should play an active role in empowering their communities by channelling resources towards various development projects back at home," said Kiplagat.

### Seminars planned

He said AK would hold seminars next year aimed at educating athletes on the best way to invest the money they generate from sports.

"Athletes get a lot of money when they are still young and we are planning to educate them on the value of investing wisely so that they don't regret later in life when they can no longer run," said Kiplagat.

Jepkosgei said the school will go an extra mile in promoting education in the region, besides playing a key role in identifying



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**Shoe4Africa founder Toby Tanser (centre) and former 800 metres world champion Janeth Jepkosgei (left) receive gifts at the opening of Janeth Jepkosgei Shoe4Africa Primary School yesterday.**

talent at an early stage.

"My dream to do something for the community has come to pass. I have a passion of working with children and I am grateful to those who have partnered with me to put a smile on the face of others," she said.

### Practising for Olympics

Jepkosgei said she has started practising in preparation for the next year's London Olympics and expressed confidence she would carry the country's flag high when the time comes.

African Inland church (AIC) Eldoret

Diocese Bishop Patrice Chumba praised the athlete for her role in development in the area.

Tanser said he was planning to construct at least 12 schools in Kenya and revealed that Shoe4Africa plans to construct more schools in the area next year.

He said some \$1.2 million has been set aside to start the construction of a children's hospital in Eldoret.

He said the Shoe4Africa 5km race is meant to empower upcoming women and would give them shoes to encourage them to take up running as a sporting activity.