

# Amazon dam to go ahead despite protests

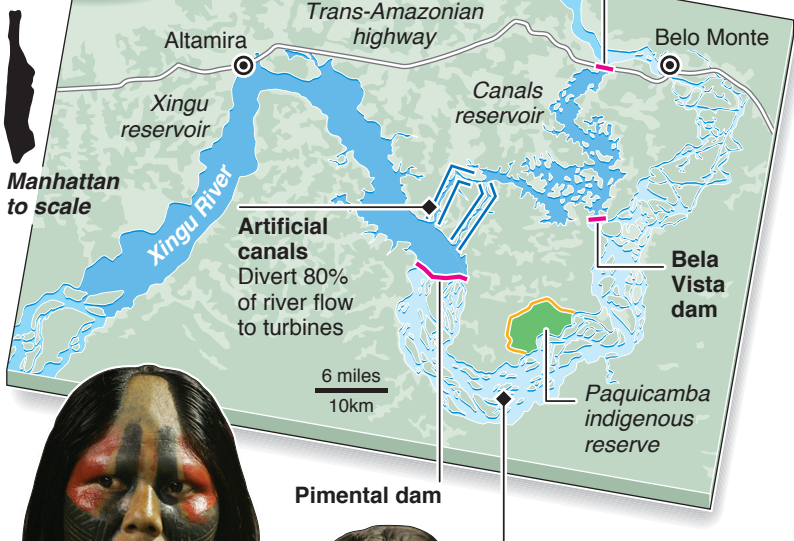
Environmentalists have reacted with fury to plans by Brazil's government to build a giant hydro-electric dam project in the Amazon rainforest. The *Belo Monte* scheme will flood around 500 square kilometres of land which campaigners say will impact biodiversity and indigenous tribes

## BELO MONTE PROJECT



Reservoirs / flooded areas

**Belo Monte dam:** 20 turbines will have generating capacity of 11,000 megawatts – world's third largest hydropower plant after *Three Gorges* in China and Brazil's *Itaipu*



**"Big Bend":** 130km stretch of river inhabited by indigenous communities will see reduced water flow, likely impacting fishing, forests and navigation