

# Brazil tightens security for Rio Olympics

Brazil is investigating potential terror threats and implementing stricter security measures for the Rio Olympics, which are expected to attract as many as 500,000 foreign visitors

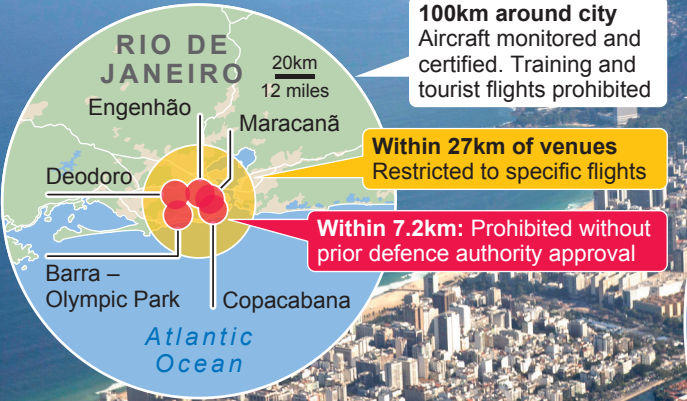


## AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS\*

Brazil's government has warned it will shoot down any unidentified aircraft that violates protected airspace around Olympic facilities



F-5 fighter jet



## TROOP DEPLOYMENTS

★ **Football venues**  
Total of 20,000 soldiers across five cities



\*In place July 24-August 22 over six Olympic host cities

## RESOURCES



■ **Security personnel:** 88,000 – more than twice as many as London 2012 Olympics – includes 41,000 soldiers and 47,000 police

■ **Armed forces equipment**  
12 large navy ships and 48 smaller vessels, 70 armoured vehicles, 28 helicopters. Total of 80 aircraft for airspace control operations

■ **Intelligence:** Officers from U.S., UK, Spain, Belgium, France, Argentina and Paraguay to support Brazilian agencies at **Integrated Anti-Terrorism Centre** in Rio. Other centres set up in football host cities

## Nuclear security

300 agents from **National Nuclear Energy Commission** trained to prevent, identify and respond to nuclear incidents

## Private security guards

Recruitment spree underway to hire as many as 7,000 staff needed to monitor x-ray machines and pat down spectators at checkpoints outside Olympic venues

## POTENTIAL THREATS

■ **Crime:** Rio faces deteriorating security situation in 2016. Heavily-armed drug gangs such as **Red Command** control most of city's favela, or slum, districts and could divert police resources

■ **Cybercrime:** Brazil's intelligence agency is monitoring 40 groups of hackers seen as posing threat to federal agency websites. Country ranked eighth in world for bot-based (automated software) cybercrime



■ **Zika virus:** Games taking place in Rio's winter season, when number of mosquito-borne infections decline. Low risk of virus spread according to health officials. Authorities taking precautions to control mosquito populations

■ **So-called Islamic State (IS)** Jihadi group **Ansar al-Khilafah Brazil** pledged allegiance to IS in July via messaging app Telegram, and called for attacks on Rio Games. Tweet threatening Brazil sent in November 2015 by French IS member **Maxime Hauchard** (right)

