

# Brazil court orders work on Amazon dam suspended

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Activists symbolically occupy an earthen dam over the Xingu River in northern Brazil in June 2012 in protest over the construction of the massive Belo Monte dam project in this photo provided by Amazon Watch. A federal court in Brazil has ordered the suspension of work on Belo Monte, the third largest dam in the world, a court official said Tuesday.

A federal court in Brazil has ordered the suspension of work on the huge Belo Monte hydro-electric dam in the Amazon, the third largest dam in the world, a court official said Tuesday.

The official said the regional federal court ruled that the construction of the dam across the Xingu River should be immediately suspended, as the area's [indigenous people](#) were not consulted before the project began.

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