

A large, illuminated Olympic rings sculpture at night. The five interlocking rings are colored blue, yellow, black, green, and red. They are mounted on a dark, curved structure. The background shows a cityscape with lights and a cloudy sky. The image is taken from a low angle, looking up at the rings.

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The measure could accelerate the release of federal emergency funds.

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Rio state employees and pensioners are owed wages in arrears. Hospitals and police stations have been severely affected.

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In a decree, Mr Dornelles said the state faced "public calamity" that could lead to a "total collapse" in public services, such as security, health and education.

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The state has projected a budget deficit of \$5.5bn (£3.9bn) for this year.

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Rio's mayor Eduardo Paes said on Twitter the state's decision "in no way delays the delivery of Olympic projects and the promises assumed by the city of Rio".

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There are also concerns over an outbreak of the Zika virus, which has been linked to birth defects, and the impact it could have on the city's tourism.

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Rio expects about 500,000 foreign visitors during the Olympics.

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