

# For **Huawei's** Partners and Customers, a Global Track Record of Predatory Behavior, Accusations and Risk.

For years, Huawei has raised a variety of risk concerns for its partners and customers in areas ranging from cyber espionage to intellectual property theft to allegations of corruption and non-transparency.

Although each new allegation is notable, they are only the latest examples of a long pattern of behavior.

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**Ties to China's State Security Services**  
 These are instances of Huawei being linked by reputable reports and/or government documents to China's intelligence and military apparatus.
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**Enabling Espionage, Creating Cyber Vulnerability**  
 These are cases where Huawei has faced allegations of engaging in, or facilitating, espionage activity.
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**Accusations of IP Theft or Misappropriation**  
 Huawei has a long history of facing allegations of IP theft or ignoring IP rights from companies and individuals, from both competitors and prospective partners.
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**Unethical Business Practices**  
 These are cases where Huawei has been accused of engaging in a range of unethical trade practices, ranging from corruption to non-transparency to unfair labor practices.



## Court Convicts Huawei of Bribing Algerian Telecom Executive

2003-2006 | ALGIERS, ALGERIA



In June 2012, an Algerian court sentenced a Huawei executive to ten years in prison for bribing an Algérie Télécom executive by placing \$10 million into an offshore bank account between 2003-2006.

## Allegations of Illicit Trade with North Korea

2008-2016 | NORTH KOREA



It was reported that Huawei worked with China's state-owned Panda International Information Technology on a variety of projects in North Korea, transporting equipment such as base stations and antennas for the country's 3G network. The projects were carried out in secret, likely due to international sanctions on North Korea, and the companies used code names to avoid using the country's official name.

## Allegations of Price Gouging, Possible Corruption in South Africa

MARCH 2014 | SOUTH AFRICA



A contract by South Africa's Mustek to supply \$12 million worth of Huawei's equipment to a railway consortium in the country was cited as excessive and overpriced. Zambia Railways only used a fraction of the installed infrastructure and the CEO was fired for awarding the contract.

## Huawei Immigration Applications to Canada Rejected on Espionage Concerns

MARCH 18, 2016 | HONG KONG



Canada's Consulate in Hong Kong rejected the immigration applications of two Chinese Huawei employees citing "reasonable grounds to believe" they were engaged in espionage.

## Deal Signed with Xinjiang Public Security Department

MAY 2018 | XINJIANG, CHINA



Huawei signed a deal with the Xinjiang Public Security Department to establish a strategic "joint innovation lab" in the AI security industry. The lab is expected to play a leading role in developing big data- and AI-driven security in the controversial region.

## Huawei Helps Uganda Government Spy on Opponents

2018-2019 | UGANDA



Ugandan intelligence officials describe coordination with Huawei employees in the implementation of spyware to prevent political rallies and arrest political opponents.

## FBI Sting Probes Alleged Theft of Cellphone Glass Technology by Huawei

2018-2019 | SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



U.S. start-up Akhan Semiconductors revealed ongoing cooperation with the FBI in a sting against Huawei for a suspected attempt to steal technology from a diamond glass material sample sent to a Huawei lab in San Diego.

## Dutch Intelligence Investigating Huawei for Espionage

MAY 16, 2019 | NETHERLANDS



It was reported that AIVD, the Dutch intelligence agency, was investigating Huawei for an alleged backdoor to customer data in Dutch networks.