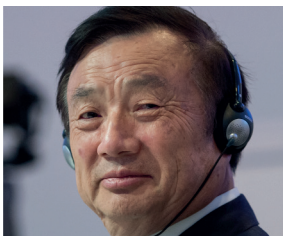


Arrest of China executive fuels trade war

The arrest of Huawei's Meng Wanzhou has plunged the world's biggest supplier of telecoms equipment and second biggest smartphone seller into the trade war between Washington and Beijing



HUAWEI



■ **1987, Shenzhen:** Former *People's Liberation Army* engineer **Ren Zhengfei** (above) founds Huawei

■ **1990:** Launches traditional PBX phone switchboards

■ **1995:** Revenue of RMB1.5 billion – equivalent to US\$180 million today – from sales in rural China

■ **1997:** Contract with Hong Kong-based **Hutchison Whampoa** opens door to global sales

■ **2005:** Huawei wins landmark deal with Britain's **BT** to supply equipment to company's "**21st Century Network**" project

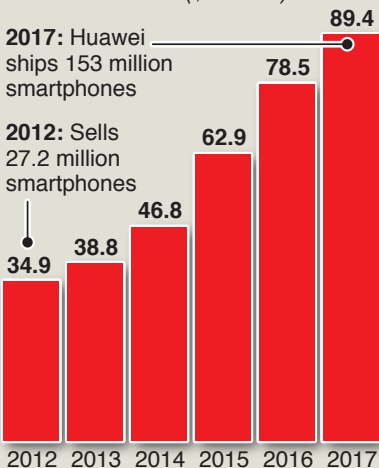
■ **2012:** After year-long investigation, U.S. House Intelligence Committee concludes that **Huawei** and **ZTE** – fellow Chinese telecom giant – pose threat of "**foreign state influence**" to U.S. national security

■ **2013:** Huawei's equipment is banned from use on Australia's **National Broadband Network**

Intelligence agencies in Germany, Netherlands and Denmark warn of risk of cyber espionage by China

UK sets up "**The Cell**" – centre to scrutinise Huawei's code

Huawei revenue (\$ billions)



■ **2018:** Huawei overtakes **Apple** to become world's No. 2 seller of smartphones, behind **Samsung**

■ **Dec 1: Meng Wanzhou** (above right), Huawei chief financial officer and daughter of founder, is arrested in Canada at request of U.S. government

She faces U.S. charges related to sanctions-breaking business deals with Iran