The US-led campaign against the use of technology from the Chinese telecom giant Huawei — the world's largest provider of telecom technology — in the rollout of 5G mobile networks around the world is shaping up to be a major battle between Washington and Beijing over the future of emerging technologies. Asian countries are struggling not to be sucked into that geopolitical rivalry as they decide who will build their networks.

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Huawei did not respond to a request from *Global Asia* to contribute to this cover package, but the company has published a Q&A on its website concerning its operations. Here is an excerpt of several key questions and the company’s responses.

**The US alleges that Huawei’s equipment is a threat to national security. What is Huawei’s response?**

The allegations from the US have not been backed up by any evidence so far. Huawei’s devices and networks are not a threat to the United States, or any country. In the 30 years since Huawei’s founding, we have served more than 3 billion people across 170 countries and maintained a spotless cybersecurity track record. There has never been a single major cybersecurity incident while working with more than 500 telecom providers, including most of the top 50 telecom operators, for nearly 20 years in 170 countries to connect more than 3 billion people. No other vendor can claim this level of cybersecurity success.

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