Has Huawei overcome U.S. sanctions by developing its own 5G chip?

SHENZHEN, China, Sept 1 (Reuters) - The surprise launch of the latest high-end smartphone from Chinese tech giant Huawei Technologies (HWT.UL) has triggered an international guessing game over what is inside it.

The company, which has been heavily targeted by U.S. government restrictions, began selling its latest Mate 60 Pro for 6,999 yuan (\$964) online on Tuesday, raising eyebrows over its decision not to do any prior advertising and prompting widespread speculation over whether it could be 5G capable.

Following is what we know and don't know about the phone, and why it matters.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

From 2019, the U.S. cut Huawei's access to chipmaking tools essential for producing the most advanced handset models, with the company only able to sell limited batches of 5G models using stockpiled chips.

The U.S. and some European countries have called Huawei a security risk, which the company denies.

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