

VODAFONE JITTERY ON 5G



Vodafone is jittery about the 5G rollout in UK without the support of Huawei Technologies and has stated that

Britain's desire to lead the world in 5G technology will be difficult without Huawei's participation.

"The UK's leadership in 5G will be lost if mobile operators are forced to spend time and money replacing existing equipment", affirms Scott Petty, Vodafone UK's chief technology officer,

The British government should make efforts to expand 5G coverage and invest in the next stage of this technology instead of stripping out the equipment of the Chinese telecoms equipment maker, Petty said.

The development comes as Britain held talks on 5G networking equipment supplies with Japan's NEC Corp and South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co Ltd as part of a bid to develop alternatives to Huawei.

Britain designated Huawei a "high-risk vendor" in January, capping its 5G involvement at 35% and excluding it from the data-heavy core of the network.

APPLE TV UPGRADES FOR YOUTUBE

Apple TV 4K box will be upgrading the operating system and



the new tvOS 14 will make it possible to play YouTube videos in 4K.

Apple has supported maximum resolution of 1080p and has not supported the VP9 codec that has been the basis of the YouTube 4K library.



DISNEY DISBANDS UK CHANNELS



Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior will not beam in UK from September. All the content will be

available on the newly launched streaming service. From 1 October, Disney+ will become the exclusive home for content from Disney Channel, DisneyXD and Disney Junior.

They have around 54 million subscribers since its launch in March.

Disney was famously touted as one of six Sky channels when the platform made its debut in 1989. However, it wasn't until October 1995 that Disney Channel actually made its first appearance in the UK market.

AMAZON GEARS UP LINEAR ACT



Amazon is planning to add live and linear channels to Prime Video and includes live news, music and sports in addition to scheduled movies and TV series.

Amazon already screens limited live sports shows and Amazon Prime Video Channels, with a mix of third party channels, is available both as part of Amazon's overall package, and for an additional fee.

Amazon sees despite the move towards on demand, there is still interest in linear and the global viewing hours weighs in favour of live or scheduled TV

By adding its own channels, Amazon would make its own offer distinctive from rivals Netflix, Disney+ and Apple.

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