ultimatum

[/Altı'meitəm] n (pl mm. -ta)

1. ультиматум

to deliver an ultimatum to a country, to present a country with an ultimatum - предъявить стране ультиматум the ultimatum expires at noon tomorrow - срок ультиматума истекает завтра в полдень

2. конечная цель

to be married was still the ultimatum of her wishes - замужество было по-прежнему пределом её желаний

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ul·ti·matum [ultimatum ultimatums ultimata] *BrE* [,∧ltɪ'meɪtəm] *NAmE* [.∧ltɪ'meɪtəm] *NAmE* [.∧ltɪ'meɪtəm]

a final warning to a person or country that if they do not do what you ask, you will use force or take action against them

• to issue an ultimatum

Word Origin:

mid 18th cent.: from Latin, neuter past participle of ultimare 'come to an end'.

Example Bank:

• The government denied that it had presented the union with an ultimatum.

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ul ti ma tum / , Altə'meɪtəm, , Altı'meɪtəm/ *BrE AmE noun* (*plural* ultimatums or ultimata /-tə/) [countable]

[Date: 1700-1800, Language: Modern Latin, Origin: Late Latin ultimatus; ⇒ [↑]ultimate¹]

a threat saying that if someone does not do what you want by a particular time, you will do something to punish them:

- The club <u>gave</u> him an <u>ultimatum</u> either he apologized, or he would be expelled from the team.
- The army issued an ultimatum for all weapons in the city to be surrendered by October 26th.

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

• give somebody an ultimatum My boss gave me an ultimatum: get better results or find another job.

• issue/deliver an ultimatum (=officially give someone an ultimatum) The authorities issued an ultimatum to the students to end their protest or face arrest.

- present somebody with an ultimatum Iraq was presented with an ultimatum by the UN to cease the invasion of Kuwait.
- receive an ultimatum We received an ultimatum from the army demanding our surrender.

phrases

• the terms of an ultimatum The terms of the ultimatum required them to withdraw by noon.

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