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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendeskripsikan bagaimana China mengonstruksi costly signal terhadap Jepang melalui Justice Mission 2025 dengan menggunakan dua mekanisme, yaitu sunk cost dan tying hands. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif kualitatif dengan teknik pengumpulan data melalui dokumentasi dan teknik analisis data spiral Creswell. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa melalui mekanisme sunk cost, China menanggung biaya operasional nyata melalui pengerahan aset militer, seperti pesawat pengebom H-6 dan kapal perusak CNS Changchun di Selat Miyako dan perairan di sekitar Okinawa. Sementara itu, melalui mekanisme tying hands, China mengikat diri melalui serangkaian komitmen publik, mulai dari penetapan red lines dan prinsip Three Never Allows, penyebaran narasi melalui media negara dan pesan grafis bilingual di media sosial, penguatan dukungan internasional melalui diplomasi bilateral dengan beberapa negara, hingga penunjukan sikap tegas melalui peringatan militer serta pernyataan resmi di forum Perserikatan Bangsa-Bangsa.

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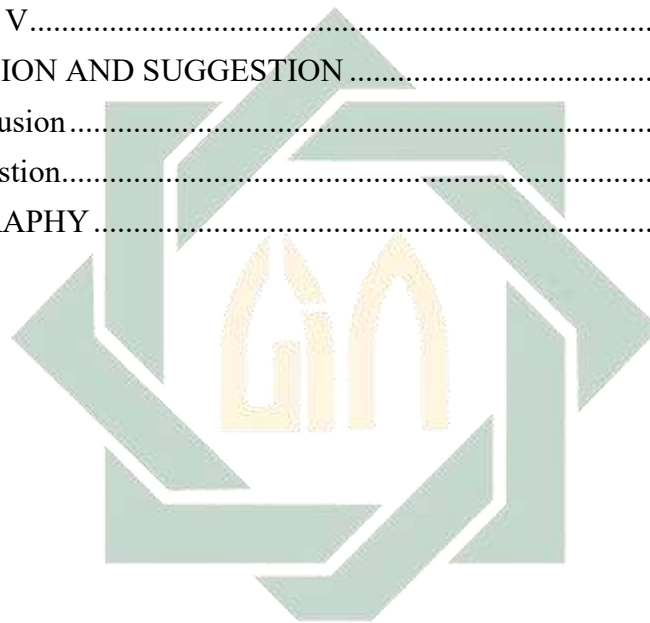
This research aims to describe how China constructs costly signals towards Japan through Justice Mission 2025 using two mechanisms, sunk cost and tying hands. This study employs a qualitative descriptive approach with data collection through documentation and Creswell’s data analysis spiral. Results indicate that through the sunk cost mechanism, China incurs real operational costs through the deployment of military assets, such as the H-6 bomber and the CNS Changchun destroyer in the Miyako Strait and the waters around Okinawa. Meanwhile, through the tying hands mechanism, China commits itself through a series of public pledges, ranging from the establishment of red lines and the Three Never Allows principle, the dissemination of narratives via state media and bilingual graphic messages on social media, the strengthening of international support through bilateral diplomacy with several countries, to the demonstration of a firm stance through military warnings and official statements at the United Nations forum.

Keywords: Justice Mission 2025, costly signaling, China-Japan crisis

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