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**Maintaining a Ceasefire through Indirect Contact via Hostages:
An Exploratory Experimental Study**

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This article explores the mechanism by which the provision or receipt of hostages can guarantee a cease-fire agreement. Drawing on the contact hypothesis of social psychology, we hypothesize that receiving hostages creates indirect contact between members of two hostile groups, thereby improving their impression of the outgroup and raising expectations that the ceasefire will be honored. We tested this hypothesis through a survey experiment conducted in Japan. The results show that hostage-taking increases the expectation that the ceasefire will be respected. However, it did not significantly enhance impressions of the outgroup members. Furthermore, no notable differences were found between the experimental conditions involving the offering of goods as a sign of commitment, a hostage offered voluntarily, and a hostage taken under coercion.

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