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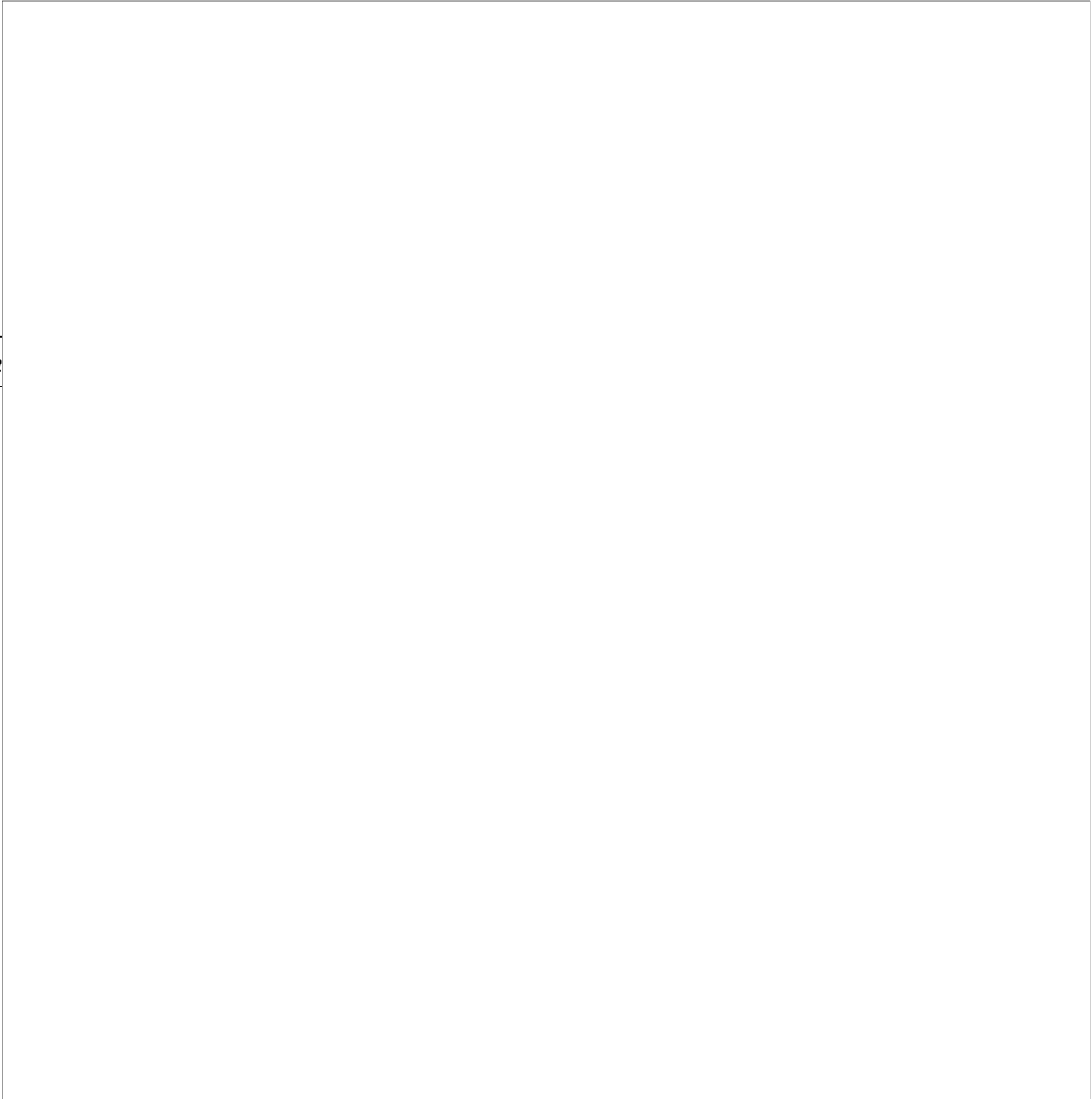
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**BODY**

COUNTRY: EGYPT, SYRIA, TURKEY

SUBJ: (U) TURKEY: CROWD PROTESTS EGYPT COUP, CHEMICAL ATTACK IN  
Syria After Prayers in Istanbul

SOURCE: Ankara Anadolu Agency Online in English 1409  
GMT 23 Aug 13

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TEXT:

[ (U) Unattributed report: "Turkish citizens protest against  
Egypt's  
military coup, Syria's chemical attack " ]

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ISTANBUL (AA) -- Many Turkish citizens who gathered at the yard of  
Fatih Mosque in Istanbul protested against Egypt's military coup as  
well as Wednesday's chemical attack that hit Syria, killing over  
1,000 civilians.

Following the Friday prayer at the mosque, Turkish people chanted  
slogans against Syria's Bashar al-Assad and Egypt's Abdel Fattah

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al-Sisi and marched towards the city hall.

Police helped the demonstrators by clearing the way for them so that they could easily continue their protests while many citizens passing through the streets supported the slogans and made the Rabaa sign, which has become the symbol of struggling against massacres in Egypt.

The protests, organised by the 'Solidarity Platform for Syrian and Egyptian people' which was formed by Turkish non-governmental organisations, ended in front of Istanbul's city hall.

"It is neither the fate of the Muslim world, nor that of Muslim people, to face bloodbath," said Kenan Alpay Friday, vice president of Ozgur-Der (The Freedom Association), a Turkish non governmental organisation. "Here is the simplest truth: Neither Muslim countries nor Muslim people have to submit to the immoral and illegal practises of despotic regimes."

A chemical attack which hit Syria early on Wednesday killed over 1,000 people and left many others wounded in the suburbs of Syria's capital Damascus, where mostly the families of opposition groups resided.

In Egypt, on the other hand, supporters of deposed President Mohamed Morsi staged rallies on Friday to denounce what they call the "military coup" against Egypt's democratically elected leader. [Description of Source: Ankara Anadolu Agency Online in English -- Website of state-funded news agency; URL: <https://has.aa.com.tr/>]

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