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Forgetfulness Isn't Treason—Flag Left Flying Not a Crime Without Intent

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In a ruling that sets the record straight on patriotic protocol, the Kerala High Court has held that leaving the Indian National Flag flying past sunset isn't a criminal offence unless done with a clear intent to insult the nation's honour. The judgment came in response to a case against Vinu C Kunjappan, a former municipal secretary, who found himself the target of criminal proceedings for allegedly dishonouring the flag....

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