Abstract : Civil liability for environmental pollution

Before discussing civil liability for environmental pollution we clarified in this research different concepts and definitions of environment which extends to include the concept of nature with its all kinds of living organisms, the social system and the political legislative system.

After that the research explained the concept of environmental pollution according to Islamic definitions, then according to jurisprudence and finally mentioned the environmental pollution definitions in some civil legislation such as Jordanian and Egyptian laws.

This research illustrates the political responsibilities for environmental pollution across different levels starting from the Head of State, through the Prime Minister, Minister of the Environment and the parliament. The responsibility of public opinion was also discussed, in addition to states’ criminal responsibility of environmental pollution.

Environmental pollution triggers a global great awareness, as a result for this value combined international efforts had been conducted to tackle environmental pollution as well as many international conventions had been signed to protect the environment.

Examples for international efforts to address environmental pollution include the Climate Change of Intergovernmental Panel (IPCC) and the efforts of the United Nation of Environment Program (UNEP) and the efforts of the World Meteorological Organization WMO.

The most important international environmental agreements are the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol about ozone layer. As well as the international conventions emanating from the International Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit)